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No. 454] October 5 1883 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject :—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Acknowledges the receipt of despatch and Circular letter.

No. 454

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 5th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department despatches numbered 173 and 174. with enclosures the last dated August 17th 1883. also Circular letters dated July 11th and August 30th 1883.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NOV 19 1883 RECEIVED.

Accepted Nov 30/83

United States Consulate Genl
Shanghai Oct 6th 1883

To

The President of the United States

I respectfully tender my resignation as Consul General to China on account of the partial and unjust instructions of the Hon Secretary of State relative to the occupation and rental of Consular premises at Shanghai

With great respect

I

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With great respect

I

I am Mr President
your Obedient Servant
O. H. Dunn

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

No.

FROM Shanghai

file October 8" 1883

ack by mail Oct. 9/83 Sherman

Instruction to Seymour Canton Oct 9/83 Sh

Secretary

Washington.

Davis Seymour well and all quiet

Denny

Received _____ 188 . , M

_____

Operator.

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NOV 17 1883
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Ans'd Dec 17 '83

No. 455] October 9th 1883. [United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny) Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Leasing of new Consular premises and rental of the old.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Points out the illegality of the Hon. Secretary's instructions concerning the renting and occupation of Consular premises at Shanghai as well as the injustice done to the interests of the U. S. Government and the Consul General.

174-17th & Augt

No. 455

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 9th 1883.

Hon. Henry A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No 174 relative to the removal of the Consulate General and rent of the premises now occupied by me containing as enclosures a copy of the Honorable Secretary's despatch on the subject to Mr. Young at Peking and a memoranda purporting to be a copy of the conclusion reached by Mr. Assistant Secretary Davis in the controversy between Mr. & Mrs. Seward and

and myself; and in reply I have to say that I am surprised not a little at the anomalous and unenviable position in which the Department has placed itself in its apparent zeal to sustain Mr. Seward in his outrageous and illegal demands upon the Government as well as myself. The law and the Regulations decline all responsibility in the arrangement for Consular premises holding that such contracts are purely personal for which the Consul is alone responsible. With a full knowledge of this as shown in Mr. Seward's No. 833, after

after having been cautioned by
the Department in its No 439
of the responsibility he was
about to assume, as all such
engagements are purely personal
in no way binding on the
government or his successor and
that whatever responsibility he
chose to assume must be
wholly at his own risk. He
made a contract - which is a
notorious fact - for the erection
and leasing of the present
premises for a period of ten
years agreeing as he alleges
to pay a government rental
in excess of the value of the
entire premises. Notwithstanding
this; and notwithstanding the

further

further fact that when he occupied the residence part he paid no rent yet when I assumed charge of this office he demanded $1200.00 per annum of me in addition to the $3523.80 already paid by the government if I occupied it. This I declined to pay and telegraphed the Department the very day I assumed charge that if this demand was insisted upon I should be compelled to transfer the office Jail and residence into other and cheaper quarters. The Department replied both by telegraph and mail saying in its No 5

that

that while it would regret a
removal from the present premises
which seemed so well adapted
to the business of the Consulate
yet if necessary I was at liberty
to use the full amount of
the present allowance with which
to make other arrangements. +
Upon the receipt of this despatch
I wrote Mr. Seward enclosing
him a copy, and at the same
time adding that this settled
the business so far as I was
concerned; that I should either
continue to occupy the premises
without additional rent to +
him or surrender possession +
He replied, continue on upon
the present terms until I
come

come to Shanghai. When he came I said to him that if I had to pay $1200.^{00} or even $1000.^{00} per annum out of a salary already too small for the many demands upon it, that I would resign as it would be quite out of the question to make ends meet. Besides I find upon an examination of the records that the government is already paying more than the entire premises are worth and that in such a case whatever rent is paid for the residence part should go to the government and not to him. The result of our conversations was an agreement

agreement for me to keep the premises at the same rental the government was then paying, and he would try and induce the Department to change its decision when he arrived in Washington. I thereupon informed the Department in my № 48 that I had arranged with Mr. Seward upon terms perfectly satisfactory. Mr. Seward did apply to the Department but without success. he then turned upon me and procured a violent instruction over the signature of Mr. Sayers № 69. then one of the under Secretaries. From the injustice of this instruction I appealed to

to the Honorable Secretary of
State and in my No 204
clearly exposed the frauds
which Mr. Seward was trying
to perpetrate. After which I
heard no more of Seward
until I had the misfortune
to go to Washington last winter
on leave. What took place
while there ought to be fa-
miliar to the Department
and after what occurred I
determined at any cost upon
my return to try and break
the grip which Mr. Seward
seemed yet to have on a
Committee which he, while in
it, never lost an opportunity
to dishonor. I entered into
preliminary

preliminary arrangements for
the erection of better Customs
buildings upon Just as good
and convenient a site as the
present with more ground at
a total rental per annum of
$3400. including residence, $123.
less than what Mr. Seward
claims he is now receiving for
the present office and jail
above and which I have
shown by experts to be worth
not more than $2000. This
proposition, which was cordially
approved by the U.S. Minister
who was then upon the spot.
I forwarded to the Depart-
ment. Pending the Depart-
ments reply I received a
second

second proposal to erect premises
on one of the very best sites in
Shanghai viz: On the foreshore
adjoining the Japanese Consulate
on the south and facing the
public garden. The lease was
to be for ten years or at the
option of the Consul General.
The proposition embraced three
rood of ground (nearly double) more
than are contained in the +
property now occupied and
under discussion. The evidence
to be larger and better ar-
-ranged the offices the same +
size while the jail was to be
larger with cells secure against
the escape of prisoners - the +
present one has only brick
walls

walls consequently not secure at all; as well as convenient out houses &c. at a yearly rental of £340 for the entire premises or £240 for the office and Jail. This proposition being more desirable than the first I had accepted it, and the plans with specifications & elevations &c. were submitted and approved, when to my great surprise I am informed by the Honorable Secretary of State that virtually no other arrangements however desirable to the Consul General and advantageous to the government will be allowed as long as Mr. Swiaridi lease of the

premises

premises runs. In short, the law and the regulations are to be violated. The instructions of a former Secretary of State are to be overruled, the recommendation of the U.S. Minister is to be ignored, the personal and legal rights of the Consul General are to be trampled upon, and the government Treasury must continue to be plundered in order that Mr. Seward may pocket $1125 annually more than the office and fees of the new premises would cost. Such fidelity may be admirable, but it is certainly worthy of a better cause. In the next place it

cause

seems to me that the memoranda enclosed is not the opinion of the Honorable Assistant Secretary as read to me and others at the time. That opinion was as I remember it, a manly and strait forward statement of the facts in the case. It contained among other things a finding to the effect that as the present premises had been designed and erected expressly for the Consulate General the arrangement is such that the residence part could not be occupied by tenants unconnected with the Consulate without an interference with the public business and without

without endangering the safety
of the prisoners in the Jail
as the servants of the house
have to pass out and in
between the offices and Jail:
besides subjecting the officials
of the Consulate to all man-
ner of annoyances &c. Mr. Davis
report suggested in conclusion
in order to end the disagree-
able business that I consent
to pay from the 1st of April
last the sum of $500.00 per
annum for the house. I ac-
cented to this through Mr.
Congressman Gerge and Mr.
Coleman provided Mr. Seward
would dismiss the suit which
he had entered against me.

1st

1st Because the suggestion came from Mr. Dana in whom I had confidence, and who had given the matter much patient attention and 2nd because I was anxious to save the Department from further annoyance + Mr. Dana said this would be satisfactory; at all events Mr. Seward must agree to this arrangement and telegraphed for him to come to Washington, Seward paid no attention to the telegram, but after a week's delay he came on, when he demanded the same rate for the time I had been occupying the house under an agreement with him.

Thus

This I positively declined to do saying to Mr. Dana that while I was ready and willing to comply with the suggestion contained in his report because it was his wish as well as the Department's yet I had the most supreme contempt for all of Mr. Devanda's insinuations in the premises. I refer to Mr. George and Mr. Coleman for a verification of what I have said in regard to the report. In the light of these facts the Honorable Secretary of State is certainly in error when he says that I refused to abide by the suggestions

of the report: but having had a fair understanding with Mr. Seward I did refuse and still refuse to comply with any demands of his whose interests and reputation the Department seems now to be guarding with so much watchfulness and care. It has been more than six years since I entered the Consular service in China during which time I have endeavored to serve the government faithfully and honestly and now in return for these services I am compelled to appeal from the partial and unaccountable action of that Department

Department from which I had a right to expect exact justice at least; for rather than submit to such treatment I shall surrender the office which I hold and which I have not disgraced.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

O. H. Perry

Brevet General

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No. 456] Oct. 10 " 1883 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Resignation w duplicate

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

No. 456

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, Oct. 10th 1883

Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen

Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a communication I have addressed to the President of the United States. and beg to refer you to my No 455. for my reasons.

I am Sir

Your obedient-servant

O. N. Denny

Consul General

1 Enclosure

(Copy)

United States Consulate Genl
Shanghai Oct. 6th 1886

To

The President of the United States

I respectfully tender my resignation as Consul General to China on account of the partial and unjust instructions of the Hon Secretary of State relative to the occupation and rental of Consular premises at Shanghai

With great respect-
I am Mr President
your obedient Servant-
(Signed) O. N. Denny

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No. 457] October 10 1883 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Death of Jeremiah L Black

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Acknowledges Department's circular re.

No. 457

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 10th 1883

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's Circular dated August 20th conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Jeremiah S Black an illustrious citizen of the United States, and in accordance with the instructions contained therein the flag of this Consulate General will remain at half-mast for the period of ten days in honor to his memory.

I may state that my Colleagues

colleagues have also, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman, placed the flags of their respective consulates at half-mast.

I am, Sir
Your Obedient Servant
O. H. Denny
Consul General

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No. 458] October 10th 1883 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Acknowledge & File

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

In reference to the situation at Canton.

No. 458

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 10th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

On the 8th instant I received the following telegram "Washington, "Deputy Consul General Shanghai. "Said report Seymour Canton "assassinated ascertain answer. "Davis" I at once telegraph-ed to Canton and received the following "It is not "true" Thereupon I telegraphed the same day to you as follows "Secretary Davis "Washington "Seymour well and all quiet." I enclose a copy of a despatch

despatch just received from
Mr. Seymour on the situation
at the time of writing.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

Enclosure
No 1. Mr. Seymour to Mr. Denny

Copy

No 61. United States Consulate

Canton October 2nd 1883.

Hon C. A. Denny

U.S. Consul General

Shanghai.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith dispatch No 36 to U.S. Minister enclosing lists of official correspondence for September 1883. which please forward to Peking. I have also the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your dispatches in regular order down to No 268 dated September 27th/83. Touching Canton affairs, a few words may do. In addition to the two British one American one French and

and one Portugese war vessels
in port of Canton since Sept
28th there came to day a 4th
German war vessel. There are now
available besides a home guard
of 50 armed men. 150 marines for
duty on Shameen if needed.
The German Commander (drawing
his inspiration probably from the
German Consul Dr von Müllendorff,
whose bellicose temperament and
inclinations qualify him better for
military than Consular service) in
making his first calls on the 4th
Commanders of the Men of War
in port, proposed that the 4th
Chinese soldiers of the Viceroy be
immediately withdrawn from Shameen.
If I am not mistaken the British
and

and American Commanders fully
understand the point which I
have faithfully endeavored to
impress upon them, and through
them, their colleagues, as to the
policy of keeping the responsibility
of protecting foreigners and their
property where it belongs Viz. on
the Viceroy and Chinese authorities
and avoiding any act that
might be deemed usurpation
of his and their functions, or
afford a pretext for him and
them to transfer this responsibil-
ity to the foreign forces: and
thus or thereby impair the
validity of the claim of
foreign residents for indemni-
ty, in the event of further
destruction

destruction of property. Matters are
resting just at present as quiet.
that business is seriously interrupted;
and intercourse between Shamien
and the interior of Canton is
nearly stopped or generally sus-
pended. I am sure that while
the Chinese officials are steaming
every nerve and employing all of
their resources to protect foreigners there
is great danger of the populace
putting the Viceroy and Chinese
authorities at defiance. About one
one thousand of the three thousand
soldiers brought from the north to the
fort near Whampoa, were to day
brought into Canton.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Charles Seymour
U. S. Consul

Dispatch No 1458.

No. 459] October 12th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Enclosed Marshall Return

Third Quarter 1883.

No. 459

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 12th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Marshals return for the Quarter ending September 30th 1883.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

Enclosure
No 1. Marshal's return.

[Form No. 137.]

COURT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHA

Return of Civil and Criminal Suits from the First day of July to the Thirtieth day of Sep

. OF CASE.	DATE OF FIRST PROCEEDINGS.	NAME AND NATIONALITY OF PLAINTIFF.	NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	JUDGMENT.	AMOUNT OF FINE IMPOSED.	AMOUNT OF FEES CHARGED AND RECEIVED.
				Civil.			
803	July 7th	In the matter of an inquiry into	the Lorcha	Civil	For the owner of		
"	"	the ownership of		"	the Lorcha		
"	"	"Dong kong"		"	"Dong kong"		23 43
				Criminal.			
45	July 12th	United States	William Taylor	Criminal	Discharged from		
"	"	"	"	"	his ship at his		
"	"	"	"	"	own cost		6 20
46	" 14th	"	John McKenna	"	Committed to		
"	" "	"	"	"	the Consular		
"	" "	"	"	"	Jail for one year.		34 85
				Summary Court.			
1	July 7th	United States	B. Hausen	Criminal	Fined $1.00 & costs	$1.00	4 30
2	" 14th	"	John Evans	"	Warned & ordered		
"	" "	"	"	"	to return to ship		No

[Form No. 137.]

RT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI CHINA.

Civil and Criminal Suits from the First day of July to the Thirtieth day of September 1883., inclusive.

TY	NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	JUDGMENT.	AMOUNT OF FINE IMPOSED.	AMOUNT OF FEES CHARGED AND RECEIVED.	DISPOSITION OF FINES AND FEES.						APPEAL.
						Marshal.	Clerk.	Court.	Associates & Witnesses.	Interpreter.	Total.	
		Civil.										
	tter of an inquiry into	Civil	For the owner of									
	ife of the Slooka	"	the Sloop									
	"	"	"Doug King"		23 45	7.75	15.70				23.45.	
		Criminal.										
States	William Taylor	Criminal	Discharged from									
	"	"	his ship at his									
	"	"	own cost.		6 20	3.00	3.20				6.20	
	John McKenna	"	Committed to									
	"	"	the Consular									
	"	"	Jail for one year.		34 85	16.25	18.60				34.85	
		Summary Court.										
States	B Hansen	Criminal	Fined $1.00 & costs	$1.00	4 30	3.30	1.00				5.30	Obed Baxter
	John Evans	"	Warned & ordered									" Lynn
	"	"	to return to ship		None							

G Schufeldt

Marshal of the U.S. Consular Court.

Shanghai China

Dft claim

No. 460] October 12th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— ac Dec 4/83

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Protection of Draft

No. 460

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 12th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have drawn on the Honorable Secretary of State for six hundred 41/100 ($600.41) dollars to balance account Item 9 Miscellaneous disbursements for Quarter ending September 30th 1883. for which I ask your protection.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

No. 461] October 12th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Rec'd Dec 4/83

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Quarterly Returns
Third Quarter 1883.

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Noted

No. 461

United States Consulate General.

Shanghai, October 12th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts and returns for the Quarter ending September 30th 1883.

Trusting that they may be found in order.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

Enclosures
No 1 Digest of Service Book Form No 117.
" 2 Arrivals & departures American vessels " " 120
" 3 Return of deceased " citizens " " 121.

1st Auditor

Record of Veterans' Services Form No 159.

Dec 19 '98

(Form No. 127.)

NAMES of all Deceased American Citizens, including Seamen or Mariners, together with the value of the personal effects belonging to them, and taken possession of by or deposited with O. N. Denny U. S. Consul, at Shanghai China, from July 1st to September 30th, 1883, inclusive.

DATE OF DECEASE.	NAMES OF PERSONS.	OF WHAT PLACE A NATIVE OR RESIDENT.	IF A SEAMAN, TO WHAT VESSEL BELONGING.	WHERE DECEASED.	VALUE OF EFFECTS.	DISPOSITION MADE THEREOF.
July 11th	Nils Petersen	Sweden	"Obed Baxter"	Shanghai	Nil	
" 18th	M. Andersen	Norwegian	"Symra"	"	"	
" 23rd	Robt Daly	England	"	"	"	
" 31st	Chas G. Cubby	"	"H. W. Dudley"	"	"	
Aug 22nd	John M. Edmund	Massachusetts	"Obed Baxter"	"	"	
" 25th	Chas Taffe	England	"H. W. Dudley"	"	"	
" 27th	Geo Lyle	Virginia	Citizen	"	$113.39	Sold at
" 28th	E. Blackwood	Maine	"	"	8.90	auction

O. N. Denny
U. S. Consul.
General

No. 462] October 12th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Oct Dec 4/83

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Miscellaneous & Rent expenses.

Third Quarter 1883.

No. 462

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 12th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Quarterly return of miscellaneous expenses with vouchers for the Quarter ending September 30th 1883.

Trusting it will be found in order.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny
Consul General

Enclosure
No. 1. Miscellaneous expenses with vouchers
Form 90.

D. St. Clair

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No. 463] October 22nd 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject :— Ac Dec 4/83

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Acknowledges receipt of despatch
№ 175.

No. 463

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 22nd 1883

Hon. Alvey A. Adee
Acting
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Departments despatch numbered 173 dated August 31st 1883.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny
Consul General

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DEC 1 1883

Dun St-Claire

No. 464] October 22nd 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Acknd Dec 4. 83

Navy

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Complies with Department Circular July 11th 1883. Sent to Navy Dept

No. 464

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 22nd 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Acting Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in the Departments Circular dated July 11th 1883. I now have the honor to enclose my reply to the interrogatories contained therein.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny
Consul General

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Dispatch

No. 465] October 22nd 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Mr. Deane

Ans Dec 4/83

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Forwards Kerosene oil report.

(Inclos: No. 37)

No. 465

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 22nd 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a special report on the condition the Kerosene oil trade in China for five years past.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

Approved Dec 4, 83

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No. 466] October 23rd 1883 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Grants Consular Agent at Chefoo leave of absence to visit United States.

No. 466

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 23rd 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Dr. Platt the U.S. Consular Agent at Chefoo having been suddenly called to the United States on business, I have granted him leave subject to the approval of the Department. He has handed over charge of the Agency to Mr. Brenan the British Consul at Chefoo, which action I also approve, as the Consul is in all respects a worthy official. The Minister also approves of Dr. Platt's leave to visit the United States

States as well as of the
selection he has made to
act for him during his
absence.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

O. M. Dunn

Acting Governor

Shanghai.

Form No. 3.

CABLE MESSAGE.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

All CABLE MESSAGES received for transmission must be written on the Message Blanks provided by this Company for that purpose, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, and on the back hereof, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager. NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	RECD BY	CH
40			

Received at 12 oam Oct 24 1883.

To Secretary Davis

Washington

Arranged with Hong Kong Banks against Foots drafts on Department will inform Foote

Denny

Shanghai.

Form No. 3.

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager. NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
93 NY	LS.	E	Shanghai 11

Received at 12 15a Oct. 28 1883.

To Secretary Davis

Washington

I must arrange with Corean

Authorities

Denny

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No. 467] October 30th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses a communication to Secretary of the Navy.

Acts and approves his course.

Sent to Navy Dept. retaining copy on file attached to a & a Dec 21.

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No. 467

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 30th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I will thank you to cause the enclosed despatch to be delivered to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

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Copy

No 3293. United States Consulate
General, Shanghai Oct. 30th 1883.

Hon. William E. Chandler
Secretary of the United States Navy,
Washington D. C.

Sir!

On the 28th instant at
half past seven O'Clock P. M.
I received the following
message.

"American Consul"
"Shanghai"

"Open my despatch to Admiral
"Crosby and communicate contents
"to him immediately: Answer"
"Chandler."

To which I at once replied as
follows.

"Secretary Chandler"
"Washington"

"Your despatch promptly
"forwarded Admiral Crosby
"has received it".

Anticipating your

wishes

wishes in the matter I had already forwarded your telegramme to the Admiral which was delivered at 7.15 P. M.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

O. N. Denny

Consul General.

Shin at Kobe, Japan

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No. 468] October 31st 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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In reference to telegraph received from Mr. Dann on the 31st instant

No. 468

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 30th 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

On the 24th instant I received the following telegram.

"Corean Minister wants assurances of
"credit of three thousand dollars telegraphed.
"Ask Jardine Matheson Hongkong &
"Bank H. Smithbag.

Davis."

To which I replied as follows:

"Secretary Davis

"Washington

"Arranged with Hongkong Bank against
"Foote drafts on Department. Will
inform Foote."

Thereupon I received the following reply

from

from you.

"Do not mean Foote but Minister from Corea here Who wants the credit."

Thus placed the matter in a different light altogether, but I immediately communicated with Mr. Cameron of the Hong Kong Bank who declined to consider the proposition & next with Mr. Patterson the managing Agent here of Jardine Matheson's who also declined and lastly with Mr. Smithage who said he would try and raise the amount here but not exceeding Mr. Patterson of Jardine Matheson wrote to Mr. Von Mollendorff the foreign adviser to the Corean Government at Seoul to send here the money when he would telegraph the desired credit

credit. I thereupon telegraphed you as follows:

"Secretary Davis

"Washington

"I must arrange with Corean authorities."

When the money is sent here the credit will of course be telegraphed. But owing to the irregular communication with that country it may take some time to arrange the matter. A word now of explanation in regard to the wrong interpretation placed upon your first telegram. In China and Japan the Corean gentlemen who are now visiting the United States compose what is known as the "Corean Embassy

Embassy to the United States"
In addition to this it is
understood that Mr. Foote's
Legation is of the most penurious
and uncomfortable character and
that it would cost about
$3000 to build or furnish him
with comfortable quarters. That
he had no doubt written
fully to the Department on
the subject and that in view
of the near approach of winter
which is always severely cold
he desired a credit in the sum
of $3000 telegraphed for this
purpose. There not being
sufficient time to hear from the
Department on the subject by
mail before winter set in.

I have

Hence when I read in your
telegram the Corean Minister
wants &c I at once concluded
it was Mr. Foote who wanted
the money as he is the only
Corean Minister known to me.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny

Consul General

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Dr Claire

No. 469] November 7th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Ack Dec 13

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses report of Raw Silk.

Ack as interesting.

Edit for monthly Consular Reports.

No. 469

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 7th 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Herewith I submit a special report carefully prepared upon the raw silk trade of China which I trust may be found of interest.

Again I acknowledge my indebtedness to the American House of Russell & Co for the statistics upon which the report is based.

I am Sir;

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny

Consul General

Enclosure

No 1. Report on Raw Silk.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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D'Y Clair

No. 470 November 7th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Read this

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Refers to Departmental Circular of March 28th last.

No. 470

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 7th 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Referring to Department Circular of March 28th last relating to the reorganization of the Consular Service, and the Department's suggestion that Minister Young and myself cooperate in the preparation of a report on the subject. I have the honor to inform you that on or about the 20th of September last learning that Mr. Young had arrived at Tientsin from Peking and intending to return without coming to Shanghai I telegraphed him as follows: "Minister

"Minister Young
"Tientsin

"Necessary you come Shanghai to prepare
"report on Departments Customs for
"reorganization Consular service. Im-
"portant Secretary State have it
"before Congress meets" Mr. Young
came to Shanghai but he said
he did not see how he could con-
sider the question until after he
had inspected the different ports and
that he could not make this in-
spection until he had a gunboat
placed at his disposal for that
purpose. I replied that we were perhaps
as well prepared now to report upon
the matter as we would be at any
time. Mr. Young however returned to
Peking without a further consideration

of

of the subject.

As the Department requested our cooperation and as it ~~#~~ ~~#~~ seems to have so much confidence in Mr. Young's knowledge of the Consular service I have hesitated over the submission of anything myself bearing upon the subject unaccompanied by the Minister's approval.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. H. Deming.

Consul General

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No. 471 November 9th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of Departmental Circular July 18th 1883.

No. 471

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 9th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Departments Circular letter with accompanying memoranda dated July 18th 1883.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

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No. 472] November 9 1883 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject :—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS

Acknowledges receipt of dispatch No 176.

No. 472

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 9th 1883.

Hon. William Hunter
Acting Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch numbered 176. dated September 19th 1883.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny
Consul General

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No. 473. November 9th 1888. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny. Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses Administrators Final Account in the matter of the Estate of R. P. Hunter (deceased).

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No. 473.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 9th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Administrators Final Account in the matter of the Estate of Richard Pollard Hunter deceased.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

Enclosure
No 1 Final Account.

Copy.

Dr. Estate of the late Richard Collard Hunter in a

1883							
Feb	14	To paid G.N. Telg Co. for telegram to Paris		19	80		
	"	" do. " do " Calcutta		25	45		
	15	" F. Klamporoeyer for nursing the deceased				100	.
	"	" C.L.P. Kähler " " " "				25	.
	16	" G.N. Telg. Co. for telegram to Paris		22	.		
	"	" do " do " Calcutta		21	52		
	22	" Pharmacie de l'Union, for bill			50		
	"	" 'N.C. Herald' for notice of death		1	.		
	26	" Dr. Little, consultation fee				25	.
Mch	1	" J.H. Schultz, board & lodgings of the deceased for February		52	20		
	5	" Sorjee Symons, hire of carriage for funeral		8	.		
	7	" Cemetery gardener, turfing the graves		3	.		
	8	" J.H. Schultz' boy, searching for late R.P.H. in Jan.		3	.		
	"	" U.S. Consular Court, fees for granting Letters of Administration		60	87		
	13	" Hall & Holtz, per bill		1	25		
			Carried over	$	220	61	160 82
	"	" A.C. Hunter, order late R.P.H. dated 12 Feb. 83				20	.
	12	" do. bal. of Aprendered Dr. D.J. Macgowan, Wenchow				166	82
	19	" Jardine Matheson & C., balance of their Ac with the late R.P. Hunter				550	.
	"	" Jardine Matheson & C. balance of their Compradore's Ac with the late R.P. Hunter				861	32
	22	" J. Llewellyn & C. per bills $q. $1. = $10. cts				7	30
	29	" 'N.C. Herald' notice of Estate				10	40
	30	" B.A. Clarke, order late R.P.H. dated 17 Oct. 81 $3.75 cts				2	74
	31	" value of Jewelry & personal Effects belonging to the late R.P. Hunter, distributed amongst relatives & friends				300	.
	"	" paid N.D.G. Sh. Bldg Corp. balance of their Ac to date.				3564	27
Aug	18	" Balance, carried forward.				4985	30
					Taels	10778	97

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 27th day of August 1883.

Signed C. A. Denny
Consul & Judicial
Acting

(Seal)

account with A. C. Hunter Administrator Co.

1883					
Mch	15	By rec'd from H'kg Sh. Bkg Corp. advance on current account, secured by deposit of 5 shares Yangtze Ins. Assoc. in name of the late R.P. Hunter			500.
	19	" rec'd from H'kg Sh. Bkg Corp., advance as per t above			1411 32
	31	" value of Jewelry & Personal Effects belonging to the late R.P. Hunter, taken over by A.C. Hunter			300.
	"	" value of half of household furniture in the use of W.C. Hunter at N°12, Avenue Kléber, Paris, taken over by A.C. Hunter			100.
	"	" proceeds of sale of 10 Shares Kowloong Dock Co. taken over by A.C. Hunter F 127½	1275.		
		Less 1% brokerage allowed	12.75	1262	25
	"	" proceeds of sale of 6 shares Yangtze Ins. Assoc. F 910.	52 60.		
		Less 1% brokerage paid	52 60	540	40
July	5	" rec'd from Jardine Matheson & Co. 6 mes salary late R.P. Hunter	1200.		
		and promised . . . for winding up the China Coast S.N. Co.	600.	1800	.
				Taels 10778	97
Aug	18	By Balance, h o t down		Taels 4985	30

E. & O. E.

Shanghai, 18 August 1883

A.C. Hunter

Administrator of the Estate of the late R.P. Hunter.

In the U.S. Court
for the Consular
District of Shanghai

In the matter of
the Estate of
Richard Pollard
Hunter dec'd.

Final Account

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No. 474 Nanking 21st 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In reference to a newspaper clipping in N.Y. World in regard to Consul's endeavors to rescue the missing men of the American Ship "Spartan"

No. 474

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 21st 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

1/ When the enclosed clipping from the New York World came to my notice I wrote to Mr. Goldsborough calling his attention to the criticism on his action in the matter referred to, when he sent me copies of the correspondence most of which he forwarded to the Department at the time, from which it seems that Mr. Goldsborough did all in his power to recover the missing men. Under these circumstances the criticism upon his action seems most unjust. Neither does the injustice

injustice stop here for the present is availed of for an indiscriminate assault on the entire service.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. M. Dewey

Consul General

Enclosures

No 1. Copies of Mr. Goldsborough correspondence

" 2. Newspaper clippings.

Enclosure No 2
Despatch " 474.

The New York *World* of the 8th October says that while President Arthur was at the Fifth-avenue Hotel he was waited on by Mrs. Hibbon, of Cincinnati, who asked the assistance of the naval authorities to find her son, William C. Hibbon, twenty years old, who was a passenger on board the bark *Spartan*, Captain C. Rossley, which left that city for Honolulu, March 12th last. The vessel reached Anjer on July 9th and proceeded, expecting to arrive at her destination six weeks later. On July 31st, while near the coast of Agincourt, one of the Polynesian islands, the captain sent his son Herbert and two of the men in a boat to examine the island. Young Hibbon was allowed to accompany them, and that was the last ever seen of the boat or the men. Mrs. Hibbon handed the President a letter recently received from the captain, from which it appears he made every effort to find the missing men. The *World*, in commenting on the case, says:—When he applied to the American Consul at Amoy for aid, he learned that the distinguished gentleman was about to set off for Japan with his family, and had no time to waste upon American seamen. This is an old story. Our consular service is an expensive fraud, and for all the good it does might as well be abolished."

Copy.

Enclosure No 1
Despatch No 1474.

No 140. United States Consulate.
Amoy, August 15th 1883.

Hon. John Davis.
Asst Secretary of State.
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform the Department that a most unfortunate accident occurred on the 31st ultimo off the north coast of Formosa, by which the mate (a son of the Captain) - a passenger, and two seamen belonging to the American Barque "Spartan" were, as far as is known, lost at sea.

The Barque - commanded by Captain Crossley, - owned by Augustus Palmer - Agent in New York, Vernon Brown & Co - sailed from New York for Honolulu as I am informed, with a General cargo. Not being able to round Cape Horn, the ship eventually arrived in the neighborhood of Keelung, North Formosa having made the voyage via Cape of Good Hope. On that day, while some five miles from "Agincourt" island, and comparatively becalmed, a boat, some 14 or 15 feet in length, was lowered from the ship, when the said parties, one report says, 'in search of dangers, (rocks &c) while another, (I am persuaded the correct one) states, that they took with them guns, ammunition, and supplies for a few days, and went in search of game.

Be this as it may, they were last seen late upon that afternoon when they were signaled - having never reached land - to return to the ship, but for some reason or other,

other, failed to do so. The ship tacked back=
=wards and forwards till the following day,
but failed to discover any traces of either
boat or men. The "Spartan" entered Kelung
harbour on the 2nd instant.

Captain Crossley, on communicating
with the U.S. Consular Agent at Keelung &
Tamsui; that gentleman, dispatched a steam
launch from Tamsui to Keelung in search
of the missing boat and men.

A Typhoon, however, came on which
lasted two days, preventing the launch from
putting to sea until Monday morning, the
6th instant. The launch then visited "Agin=
=court" island but no one could land, and
seeing nothing to indicate the existence of
the men or the boat, returned to Keelung.
The German steamship "China", was, upon
the 7th inst, also sent from Tamsui to Keelung
and the islands of "Agincourt", "Craig", and
"Pinnacle" (being those lying out from the
north coast of Formosa and near which
the boat was last seen) having Capt: Crossley,
and an interpreter on board. Owing to the
heavy sea then prevailing, they were unable
to land, but steamed carefully around each
of these islands, taking careful observations
and blowing the steamer's whistle continuously.
A few natives swam out to the ship however,
and through the interpreter on board, stated
that nothing had been seen of either the men
or the boat. The Captain of the "China" and
his officers (as they informed me personally)
being fully assured, that the men were not
upon the islands, and that they had perished
during the recent typhoon, abandoned the
search and returned to Tamsui.

Information, as to these facts, reached

me

me on the 13th instant, and, at the request of the U. S. Consular Agent at Keelung and Tamsui, I sought from the Chinese Authorities the assistance of a Chinese Gunboat to visit the scene of the accident, but they were unable to comply with my request. I then sought through H. B. M's Consul here, the assistance of H. B. M's Gunboat "Espoir", - Commander Gamble - and received from the Consul, the Commander's reply to his application, which I here quote:

"I received your note last night with American
"Consul's enclosed. I should like to assist
"in the search for the missing boat's crew
"but, considering the time that has elapsed
"since the boat was first missed, and the
"fact that wind & current would take
"them off the land and not on to it, I consider
"that any effort to find them now, would be
"perfectly useless. I think that the only chance
"is that they have been picked up ere this
"by some passing ship."

While this opinion is universal with seafaring men here, efforts are still being made in Formosa with a view to the discovery of something which may reveal the fate of these poor unfortunate men, but I entertain little hope that anything further concerning them will ever be known.

I regret that being uninformed as to their respective names or residences in the United States, I am unable to furnish those particulars at present, but have no doubt they will all be forwarded to the owners of the ship, by Capt. Crossley co-temporaneously with this dispatch.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) W. Elwell Goldsborough

Consul.

Translation.

Tamsui, August 14th 1883.

To

John Dodd Esquire,
U. S. Consular Agent.
Tamsui.

Sir;

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of the 13th instant, in which you informed us that

(Here quoted Mr Dodd's dispatch at length)

and requested that the Chinese Gunboat now in Keelung be ordered to go to make a search for these four men, boat &c, about "Agincourt" Islands.

In reply, we beg to inform you that previous to the receipt of your dispatch, we have already been communicated by the Commissioner of Customs of the matter, and requested by him that the st. "China" should be allowed to visit the accident and to make a search &c.

At the same time, we have communicated the matter to the Prefect of Tai Peh (North Formosa) and requested him to send his instructions to the Sub-Prefect of Keelung, and the District Magistrate of Yee Lan, that they should direct tepos and inhabitants along the sea-coasts under their jurisdiction, to make a search, and if they find such missing boat, or any oars belonging to it, or any corpse of these men, to report at once to the officials.

Since we received your dispatch, we have requested Commander Lin of N. I. C. his

gunboat

Gunboat "Yung Pao" to take the Captain of "Spartan" on board to go to the scene of the accident and make a search. As we do not know whether the said Gunboat has been delivered of the timber which she conveyed, or not yet, we can not let you know when she will start for the scene of the accident, until we receive an answer from Commander Lin on the subject.

The letter which we received from the Commissioner of Customs states that he learned from you personally that six persons have been missed, while you state, in your dispatch, four. Please give us the exact number of persons lost.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed) Li.

(Signed) Tam.

Copy.

Custom House,

Aimoy, 13 August 1883.

My dear Mr Goldsborough.

* * * * * *

3.40 My messenger has just returned The Admiral has sent a verbal message to say that he has only three steamers here at present, two of which are too small for such a trip, and the other which is too large, only arrived yesterday with gunpowder on board which she has to discharge but will not be able to do so for a few days.

Yours very truly

(signed) Mc Leavy Brown

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Received

No. 475 November 29th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of dispatches.

No. 475

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 29th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches numbered 177 and 178 the last dated October 10th 1883.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

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No. 476] November 30th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Note. Notes

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Informs the Department of the deaths of two American citizens.

No. 476

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 30th 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have to inform the Department of the deaths of two American citizens at Shanghai. J. W. Banker a resident of Irvington New York of Consumption on November 11th and F. Spencer a naturalized citizen supposed to be from Bristol England, at the Shanghai General Hospital on the 24th inst of Aortic Aneurism

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny

Consul General.

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Dispatch

No. 477 Shanghai December 7th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of despatch.

No. 477

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 7th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 179 dated October 24th 1883.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny
Consul General

No. 478 December 7th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny. Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF S. JAN 16 1884 RECEIVED

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges the receipt of despatches

No. 478

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 7th 1883.

Hon. Wm. Hunter

Acting Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches numbered 180. 181. 182 and 183 the last dated 4 October 31st 1883.

I am Sir;

Your obedient servant

O. N. Denny

Consul General

No. 479] December 15 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Dispatch

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Mr. Vice Consul General Cheshire assumes charge of Consulate General.

No. 479

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 15th 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Refering to my despatch No 456 addressed to the Honorable Secretary of State I have the honor to inform you that I have handed over charge of this Consulate Genral to Mr. Vice Consul Genral F. D. Cheshire.

Mr. Cheshire will sign vouchers and draw the salary of the Consul Genral.

I beg to enclose an inventory of the archives of the Consulate Genral with certificate attached as well as a receipt for monies on hand in this office belonging to the Estates of deceased

American

American citizens. I have informed the Hon. Fifth Auditor of the Treasury of my having handed over this office to Mr. Cheshire and that he will render the accounts for Consul Generals salary and draw drafts for same after this date.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

O. H. Perry

Consul General

Inventory of United States
Property at the Consulate
General, Shanghai China,
December 15th 1883.

Consulate General of the United States at

Shanghai China Dec. 15th 1883.

We Certify on this the fifteenth day of December the services of Owen N. Denny ceased and he is entitled to his Salary and fees including said day; and that the services of F.D. Cheshire commenced the day following he having received the Archives, a full and Complete inventory of which is hereto annexed as required by the Consular Regulations Article IX

O.N. Denny

Consul General.

F.D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General.

General Office.

1 Large safe for Ships papers, books &c.

32 Record Books.

1 Fire proof safe (German made)

1 Desk Pigeon holes and drawers.

1 Small desk and Counter.

2 Chinese tables

1 Revolving Chair.

1 Stand up desk.

1 High Chair.

1 American Cane seat Chair.

2 Gas burners.

1 " jet for sealing.

1 Counter

1 Lot of forms and Stationery.

1 Coal scuttle

1 Letter press and Stand

1 Iron Seal United States

Consulate General &c.

1 Dry seal U. S. Consulate General &c.

1 Date stamp.

1 Call bell

4 Ink Stands.

1 Drop light

1 Stand 3 ink bottles

Comprador's Room.

10 Record Books.

1 Clock.

1 Desk with drawers.

1 Chinese table with drawers.

1 Picture "George Washington."

1 Gas Pendent.

1 " Jet for sealing.

Waiting Room

2 Tables.

1 Small Manth book case. (drawers.)

1 Form, Case.

1 Gas Pendent.

Post Office.

2 Tables.

7 Sorting Cases.

17 Stamps.

1 Large iron Safe.

2 Mail boxes for drop letters.

1 Gas Pendent.

4 " brackets

3 Scales

Court Room.

1 Platform of Judge and associates (carpeted)
1 Long table on same
1 Desk (Clerk of Court)
1 " (Interpreter)
1 Witness Stand
1 Prisoners dock
1 Table (for reporters)
1 do (" lawyers)
1 Map of Asia
12 American Cane Seat Chairs (ordinary)
3 do do do (high backs)
1 Bible
1 Gas pendent
1 " bracket
6 Ink stands
1 Pair Curtains and Cornices

Consular Clerks Room.

1 Desk with drawers.

1 Chair

1 Pigeon hole case.

2 Pendent gas lights.

1 Veneered, desk, drawers & pigeon holes.

Clerk of the Courts room.

1 Walnut desk (drawers)

1 Revolving Chair.

2 Stand up desks (pigeon holes)

3 Chairs

1 Case for books and papers (5 compartments)

1 Letter Press and Stand.

1 Eyelet machine.

Clerk of the Courts Room Continued.

3 Paper files.

1 Fire proof Safe.

1 Statistical, atlas.

3 Vols 9th Census

Lot of forms, blanks and Stationery

1 Ink Stand

1 Damping pot and brush

1 Department Despatch book (Mr. Meyer's time)

1 do do (Mrs. Wills and Stable) now in use.

1 Probate docket & 1 Probate minute book

1 Criminal do " 1 Criminal do do

1 Civil do " 1 Civil do do

1 Register of Marriages

1 do Deaths

1 do Births.

1 do Citizens.

5 Old Record Books.

2 " Dockets

Clerk of the Courts Room Continued.

47 Books record deeds, Mortgages &c.

2 Old books record of Court fees.

1 New book

5 Press Copy books.

2 Ballot boxes for associates

2 Old probate ledgers

2 Chit books

1 Picture Centennial buildings

2 Court seals

1 Dry seal (U.S.D.C. &c)

Lot of old broken seals.

1 Gas pendent

1 " bracket

1 Book for vol 118

1 Do do 119

Upper Hall.

1 Hat rack

2 Door Mats

1 Court Calendar.

1 Gas Pendent

12 Signs to rooms (Consul General, Court &c)

2 Maps.

Interpreters Room.

1 Iron Safe.

1 Desk with drawers

1 Revolving Chair.

5 Maps China & Foreign Settlement Shanghai

1 Cane Seat Chair.

4 Chinese Chairs

2 Tea Joys

1 Chinese table

Interpreters Room Continued.

6 Deed books, and Corresponding deeds

2 Books Official records Chinese letters received and sent } in use.

2 Miscellaneous do do do }

1 Passport book

1 Mixed Court docket, old

1 " " New.

3/ Vols Chinese correspondence. (Old)

1 Letter press and Stand. Pot and brush.

1 Porting Chinese land measure.

2 Chit books in use.

1 Set Shelves for books.

2 Seals (Chinese.)

1 Case for writing paper, envelopes &c.

1 Paper basket

1 Gas pendant

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Archive Rooms.

Sundry Court Archives Consisting of Papers in suits estates &c &c &c.

Lower Hall.

1 Bulletin board.
1 Coat of Arms.
1 Gas pendent
3 Mats
2 Wooden benches

Consul Generals Room

3 High back Cane seat Chairs.
2 Morocco covered easy Chairs
1 Revolving Chair.
1 Sea Jog.

Consul Generals Room Continued.

1 Mahogney desk and drawers.
1 Table (green Cloth Cover)
1 Gas pendent
1 " jet for sealing
2 Cases for books and records (6 Compartments each)
1 Stationery Case with drawers.
2 Sets Shelves for books.
1 Paper Basket
2 Pictures, Centennial buildings
1 Picture (Hayes and Wheeler.)
1 Dry Seal. (U.S.C.G. &c.)
1 Date Stamp
1 Double bronze ink Stand
1 Dispatch basket
1 Case for paper, envelopes &c.
1 Date tablet

Books.

Lot of old pamphlets, Customs returns &c.

23. Howards Reports.

2 Blacks "

1 U.S. Revenue Laws.

1 Elliots American Diplomatic Code.

1 Revised Statutes 1873-5

1 do do 1878.

4 Wallaces Reports

1 California Code.

2 Civil Code of California

2 Political Code of do.

2 Civil Procedure of do.

1 Penal Code " do

1 Deady's Reports.

1 U.S. Reports (Sawyer)

2 Chitty's Blackstone

9 Opinions of Attorney General.

14 Encyclopedia Americana.

Books Continued

1 British Merchant Shipping Act

1 Treaties, decrees and regulations.

3 U.S. Court regulations

1 Treaties between China and Foreign Powers.

1 Chitty on Contracts

80 Vols. Correspondence (recd)

5 " Forms 118 and 119 (old.)

24 " Correspondence (sent)

1 " ~~8th~~ Census U.S.

1 " 9th do. "

4 Patent Office Reports.

Lot of unbound Statutes at large.

3 U.S. Consular Manual 1868.

1 do do 1863.

2 Charts VIII Coast of China

1 Chart Harbour of Shanghai

4 Vols Kents Commintaries

1 " Benedicts Admiralty.

Books Continued.

1 Vol Customs Regulations 1874

1 " Treaties and Conventions between U.S & other Powers.

1 " Missouri from book.

1 " Law reports Crown Cases

1 " Labor in Europe.

1 " Digest Opinions Atty General.

1 " Bankrupt Law, James

1 " Paley's Law of Principal and Agent

1 " China 1853 to 1857.

1 " French and English Dictionary

2 " Websters Dictionary

1 " Law Book Pacific Coast.

1 " Weskets Insurance,

1 " Laws U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

1 " New Clerks assistant

1 " Law of Shipping.

1 " Goulds Pleadings.

1 " Abbott on Shipping.

Books Continued.

3 Vol Story on the Constitution.

2 " Story on Contracts

3 " Greenleaf on Evidence

2 " Bishops Criminal Law.

1 " Pamphlet Rules Practice U.S. Circuit Ct. Calif.

2 Vols Parsons on Contracts

1 " Conkling Treaties

1 " Keyes Digests

2 " Brightly's Digest

1 " do Federal do

2 " Forms & use of blanks.

2 " Bouviers Law Dictionary

1 " Prize Cases New York

1 " Commercial Digest

2 " Parsons Maritime Law

1 " Story on Agency

1 " Jacobsen Sea Laws.

2 " Storys Equity Jurisprudence.

Books, continued.

1 Vol. China and Compulsory Enlistment

42 " Annals of Congress

1 " Rights and Duties of Merchant Seamen.

2 " Budget and News Letter

4 " Celestial Empire

6 " Supreme Court and Consular Gazett.

26 " North China Herald.

37 " Commercial Reports.

13 " Foreign Relations.

139 " Diplomatic Correspondence.

1 " Maryats Signal Code

2 " Consular Regulations 1874

1 " do do 1870

4 " do do 1881

5 " Treaty of Washington.

1 " Andrew's Colonial and Lake Trade.

2 " Postal Laws.

3 " Mineral Resources.

Books Continued

1 Vol. U.S. Import Duties

1 " Condensed Report Cases U.S. Supreme Court

1 " Mineral Productions

6 " U.S. Official Register

2 " Report Post Master General.

5 " (Bound) Register of Dept of State.

1 " Do. volume on the Constitution

5 " Presidents Message.

5 " Finance Reports

1 " Signal Office Report.

1 " Report Commissioner of Land Office

1 " National Almanac.

1 Lot of Sundry unbound Pamphlets

1 Message Gov. Andrew.

1 Vol Report Municipal Council

2 " do. Chief Bureau of Statistics

1 " Chinese Review,

1 " Shanghai Almanac and Miscellany.

Books Continued.

1 Vol. Monuments de Paris.

1 " National Educative Society

18 " Statutes at Large (Shanghai)

2 " U. S. Navy Register

1 " Report Lighthouse Board.

1 " do Secy of Navy

3 " do Secy of War.

5 " do Post Master General.

1 " Assassination A. Lincoln

1 " Trial of J. H. Surrat

3 " U. S. Tariff

2 Chit Books

1 Import Duties

2 Morgan's Tariff.

1 Government Salary Table.

1 Hongkong Directory

1 San Francisco Directory

16 Vols Statutes at Large (Foochow)

Books Continued.

1 Dictionary Websters Unabridged

1 Tea Culture

16 Vols Correspondence received from State Department, Treasury, Consulates etc 1880 & 1881.

2 Vols Official Register of United States

1 " Bancrofts Forms

1 " Hamersley's Naval Encyclopedia

Jail.

Jail Cook House.

1 Small Cooking Stove very old.

1 Meat Safe.

3 Small tables

3 Old Scales useless.

Lot of Cooking Utensils old.

1 Axe.

1 Hatchet

2 Wooden baskets.

9 Tin pans, 9 Tin plates, 9 Tin Spoons.

Jail Yard.

1 Water Kangs.

1 " Kettle.

Outer Hall.

1 Hanging lamp.

3 Mats. Old.

1 Back board, (Coat of arms)

Inner Hall.

2 Reading tables

2 Wooden forms.

1 Stove and piping Very Old.

1 Book Case, Glass doors, about 50 Books.

No. 1 Cell

1 Bedstead

1 Bed

2 Blankets.

No. 2 Cell.

12 Old blankets

8 Japanese mats.

No. 3 Cell.

1 Bedstead

No. 4 Cell.

1 Bedstead

No. 5 Cell.

1 Bedstead

No. 6. Cell.

1 Bedstead

Jail Store Room.

2 Canisters for tea and Coffee.

Sticks

3 Single blocks.

1 Snatch block.

1 Double block.

1 Watering pot

1 Beam Scale.

5 Ensigns.

1 Pennant

8 Fathoms New rope.

1 Mast rope

1 Mail flag.

1 Ensign New

Jail Bath Room.

1 Washing table and Stand.

1 Wooden forms.

Upper Hall.

1 Door mat

1 Roll matting.

1 Clock.

11 Hand irons

1 Pair Shackels.

3 Leg irons

Lot of Keys for Cells with duplicates

No 7 Cell.

1 Bedstead

1 Arm Chair.

No 8 Cell.

1 Bedstead.

No. 9 Cell.

1 Bedstead

No. 10 Cell.

1 Bedstead

2 Arm Chairs.

Jail Corridor

1 Writing table

1 Chair.

1 Stove and piping

1 do new.

Stoves

3 Stoves belonging to Office,

1 Worn out Gas burner.

Chairs (Sedan)

1 Sedan Official Chair for Consul General.

1 do do " Interpreter.

Consul Generals Room.

1 Clock.

1 Mahogany Book Case.

47 Vols. American Decisions.

1 " Index American Decisions

1 " Digest " "

7 " Johnson's Chancery reports.

22 " Decision of the Supreme Court U.S. Curtis

7 " Waits action and Defences.

1 " Index Waits actions and Defences.

1 " Bancrofts Forms

1 " Adams Equity

4 " Decisions Supreme Court.

United States Consulate General

Shanghai December 15th 1883.

Statement of monies on hand of deceased American citizens.

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" "	J. W. Barker	20	86	$193 12
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Shanghai December 15th 1883.

O. N. Denny

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Mr. Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses newspapers &c &c

No. 480

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 15 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

The circumstances which take me from Shanghai is my apology for enclosing the accompanying newspaper clippings

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
O. N. Denny
Consul General

Enclosure
No 1. Newspaper clippings

Daily News 7 Dec. 14

On Sunday, Judge O. N. Denny Consul-General for the United States and Senior Consul, leaves China for Washington, on urgent semi-official business. We are sincerely glad to hear that the Consul-General contemplates an early return to the scene of his labours in Shanghai, and that we need not make up our minds to bidding him a final farewell. But considering the great obligations under which we as a community lie to Mr. Denny, and the invaluable nature of his services at a time when prompt and energetic action was imperatively demanded by circumstances, we are somewhat surprised that no public or official notice has hitherto been taken of his departure. Apart from the many difficulties of his position as Consul-General for the United States, Mr. Denny has performed the equally arduous duties of Senior Consul since the removal of Dr. Focke, and has done so in a way which entitles him to the gratitude of every foreigner in Shanghai. He discharged those functions at a time when his health was poor, and when his attention was much distracted by other matters equally important and certainly not less harassing. For this he deserves public thanks. We hope he may soon return to China in renewed strength, and feel sure that whatever position he may occupy when that time arrives he will fill it to the credit of his Government and the advantage of all with whom he may be brought in contact.

15TH DECEMBER,

MR. DENNY'S APPROACHING DEPARTURE.

At the meeting of the Consular Body held yesterday afternoon [14th December] the address which follows was read by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Mr. Hughes, and presented to Mr. Denny, the Consul-General of the United States, the occasion being Mr. Denny's retirement from the post of Doyen of the Consular Body.

Shanghai, 12th December, 1883.

O. N. Denny, Esq.,
Consul-General of the United States.

Dear Colleague,—On the occasion of your leaving Shanghai for the purpose of visiting your native land, we avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our high appreciation of the able manner in which you have discharged the duties of Doyen of the Consular Body at this Port. We have witnessed how you have never spared pains or trouble in the performance of a task which was specially onerous during your recent tenure of office. We have seen how by the exercise of good sense and sound judgment, you have dealt satisfactorily with the most difficult questions, while you have at the same time always acted in harmony with your colleagues. We thank you warmly for the kindness and courtesy which we have always received from you, and for your ready compliance with every suggestion which seemed likely to conduce to the good of the public and the prosperity of the foreign settlements.

With our best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself and family, and trusting we may soon have the pleasure of welcoming your return,

We have the honour to be,
Dear colleague,
Very faithfully yours,
P. J. Hughes,
H.B.M.'s Consul.
J. E. Reding,
His Imperial Russian Majesty's Consul.
Luehrsen,
H.I.G M.'s Consul-General.
Manuel Ginart,
Acting Consul for Spain.
E. Shinagawa,
H.I. Jap. M.'s Consul-General.
O. de Lagerheim,
Acting Consul-General for Sweden and Norway.
Hub. Serruys,
Consul General for Belgium.
Carl Jantzen,
H. Netherland Majesty's Consul.
Gust. v. Kreitner,
Acting Consul General for Austria Hungary.
J. J. Keswick,
Acting Consul for Denmark.
Bn. Laurence de Lalande,
Gérant le Consulat-Général de France.
Lodovico Pocentini,
Acting Italian Consul General.

Mr. Denny, in reply to the address, spoke as follows:—

P. J. Hughes, Esq.,
H.B.M.'s Consul, and Dear Colleagues,

The cordial way in which you have expressed on the eve of my departure your approval of my course as a colleague and as Doyen of the Consular Body, is as surprising to me as it is gratifying. While in conducting the public business I have always endeavoured to pursue that course which would lead to the best and most satisfactory results, yet whatever success my efforts may have met with is due rather to your good counsels and undivided support than to any efforts of my own. I may be permitted to add, however, that during my experience in the Consular service, I never attempted to advance the interests of my Government or those of its citizens at the expense of the rights of the subjects and citizens of other nationalities, believing as I do that the interests of American citizens are best promoted when the rights of all foreigners are secured under the treaties, treating at the same time with exact justice the people of this great Empire. And this shall continue to be my aim when I again return, and resume those social and official relations with you which have always been attended with so much pleasure and unanimity.

In conclusion I have to especially thank you for the good wishes expressed for the health and happiness of myself and family, and to assure you of my highest esteem and friendship.

Shanghai Comm. Dec 14th

THE DEPARTURE OF MR. DENNY.

THE intended early departure for home of Mr. O. N DENNY, the Consul-General for the United States, is a great blow to Shanghai. We are apt, as Englishmen, to pity our American cousins for not having a regular Consular Service, and it is quite certain that there have in recent years been American Consuls in Shanghai who could not have obtained so responsible a position had they been members of a regular service. But no system could produce a better Consul-General than Mr. DENNY has been. As the United States Consul-General has usually to fill the onerous and anxious rôle of Senior Consul, and has thus under his charge the general relations of the Municipality with the Chinese authorities, it is very necessary that he should be a man of the highest courtesy, integrity, energy and firmness. A Consul who is content to merely be in his office from ten to four, make occasional perfunctory visits to the Taotai, and put off till to-morrow all work that he can possibly avoid doing to-day, is of less than no use to the community. Such a man may keep on good terms with his government in quiet times by never giving them any trouble, may earn his salary and his pension with satisfaction to himself, but can never be popular with or respected by his own nationals or the other foreigners here. Mr. DENNY is the type of what a Consul should be. He has realised the responsibility of his position, and the place which the Municipality of Shanghai has taken and will yet take in China. When called upon by individuals or by the Council for assistance or advice, he has always been ready with both, and has willingly devoted his high abilities and his knowledge of men and affairs to the service of his fellow residents. He has not confined himself to his official hours or his official place of business; but has constantly gone about amongst us, keeping himself informed of the feelings and wants and wishes of the community, backing the Council up heartily in its disputes with the native authorities wherever he saw that the Council were in the right, and freely and courteously shewing it where it was wrong if he thought it had made a mistake. While affable to all, he has known how to assert the dignity of his position, when necessary, and has kept successfully the somewhat difficult mean between arrogance and familiarity. While it was a matter of regret to Englishmen that their own Consul did so little to entertain the great Viceroy LI during his sojourn in Shanghai, they were pleased to see Mr. DENNY making amends for the British official's neglect, for they could feel that as Senior-Consul he was representing us all in the attentions that he paid to the Chung-tang. Mr. DENNY has not made public the reasons for his visit home, and it is not for us therefore to dilate on them. It is generally known, however, that his journey to Washington is connected with the SEWARD troubles, and we trust that he will be thoroughly successful in his object, and will return here before long to resume his consular duties. It has been often truly said that no man is indispensable in the world, that the place of every one is soon filled up: but this will not be readily the case in the present instance. The geniality, the integrity, and the ability that have made Mr. DENNY so valuable to Shanghai are not often united in the same individual: and these few words very inadequately express the sorrow that we must all feel at his departure: a regret that would have taken a more practical form if we did not hope to see him soon back amongst us. We wish him and Mrs. DENNY a pleasant voyage, and success in his undertaking: and we trust that he will be as anxious and eager to resume his place here, as we are to see him back.

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Mr Denny Consul General. to the State Department.

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In reference to charging the Government with One Clerk

No. 487

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, 15th December 1883

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have taken the liberty of charging the Government with one Clock, which I purchased some time ago at my own expense for the use of the Consul General's Office. I have included it in the Inventory of Government property in this office and have rendered a Voucher for Cost namely $10. I hope that my action will meet with the approval of the Department

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant

O. H. Dunn

Consul General

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Mr. Chisholm Vice Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Approved Feb. 11/84

See Report of Feb. 6. 1884. R.S.C.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Asking Departments approval of the appointment of Chung mow Yee as assistant in the Interpreters office of this Consulate General

No. 482

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 19th 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Owing to Mr. Denny's departure for the United States and the extra duties imposed upon me, now that I have charge of this office, I have the honor to inform the Department that I have employed Mr. Chungmow Yen as assistant in the Interpreters department of this Consulate General.

In making this appointment I wish the Department to understand that I shall continue, as heretofore, to perform the important duties of Interpreter and Assessor at the Mixed Court, as these should not be entrusted to a

a Chinese subject to perform, and the work of assisting in translating etc; which I shall assign to Mr. Chung in the Chinese department will be entirely under my personal supervision. Mr. Chung served in the Interpreters Department during the late visit of Mr. Denny to the United States and gave perfect satisfaction. I have employed the services of Mr. Chung at the rate of $75.00 per month, for which amount he will sign vouchers, and I shall draw same out of the appropriation for Interpreter of this Consulate General.

I trust that in view of the circumstances the Department will approve of my action in the premises.

I am Sir.

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No. 483.] December 20th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Vice Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Enclosure Marriage certificate.

No. 483.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 20th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certificate of marriage which took place in my presence between Walter Scott Ewens and Elizabeth Fanshaw. Mr. Ewens was born in Sand Lake New York.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. S. Cheshire
Vice Consul General

Enclosure
No. 1. Marriage certificate

CERTIFICATE

of

MARRIAGE.

Consulate General of the United States,

Shanghai, China, December 18th, 1883.

I, J. D. Sheehan Vice CONSUL GENERAL

OF THE UNITED STATES at Shanghai, do hereby certify that on this

18th day of December, A. D. 1883, at the residence of Church

of Our Saviour, in the city of Shanghai Walter Scott Ennes

aged 24 years, born in Sand Lake New York, and now

residing Shanghai China and Elizabeth Farnham

born in Shanghai China and now residing in Shang-

hai China were united in marriage before me, and in my presence, by

Rev. F. H. Gilfillan, who is authorized by the laws of

United States to perform such a ceremony.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal

of the CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI this

18th day of December, A. D. 1883, and of the

Independence of the United States the 108.

J. D. Sheehan

Vice Consul General.

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No. 484 December 24th 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chenhsi Sia Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Note marriage in case noted as to fee 6/04

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Enclosure Marriage certificate

No. 484

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 24th 1883.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certificate of marriage which took place in my presence between Henry William Borrie and Annie Elizabeth Kirkby. Mr. Borrie was born in Batavia Island of Java.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

T. Cheshire
Vice Consul General
in charge.

Enclosure
No. 1. Marriage certificate.

CERTIFICATE

of

MARRIAGE.

Consulate General of the United States,

Shanghai, China, December 20th, 1883.

I, F. D. Cheshire Vice CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES at Shanghai, do hereby certify that on this 20th day of December, A. D. 1883, at the ~~residence~~ Chapel of the Bridge Memorial House in the city of Shanghai Henry William Boone aged 44 years, born in Batavia Island of Java, and now residing Shanghai China and Annie Elizabeth Nichols born in Michigan and now residing in Shanghai China were united in marriage before me, and in my presence, by Rev. H. J. Boone, who is authorized by the laws of United States to perform such a ceremony.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI this 20th day of December, A. D. 1883, and of the Independence of the United States the 108.

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General.
in charge

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Mr

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Dispatches.

No. 485] December 31st 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Sheldon Vice Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Requests blank forms of drafts.

No. 485

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 31st 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to make application to the Department for a supply of (say 100) blank drafts. I will thank you to forward them at your earliest convenience as I have only a few on hand in this office.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General

in charge

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No. 486 } December 31st 1883. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Shuduri Vice Consul General in Charge. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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In reference to French at Santai (in Tongking).

No. 486

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, December 31st 1883.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform the Department that a telegram was received here a few days ago to the following effect: "The French have taken Sontai, "(in Tongking) and are now in possession "of the place. The rout of the Chinese "is complete"

This news has since been confirmed by mail advices. I enclose a printed slip giving a brief account of the capture of the place. It is not thought here among the best informed Frenchmen that further demonstration will be made by the

the French until the arrival of
further re-enforcements.

I may say that
the success of the French have not
caused any excitement on the
part of the Chinese at this port;
everything is quiet.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
T. Cheshire
Vice Consul General
in charge

Enclosure
No. 1. Newspaper clipping

THE WAR IN TONQUIN.

CAPTURE OF SONTAI.

The French transport *Drac*, which arrived here on Friday night from Tonquin, brought an official despatch from Admiral Courbet announcing the capture of Sontai. It seems that the French forces, after the capture of the outworks on the 14th, advanced on the 16th Dec. upon the citadel and carried it at the point of the bayonet after some severe fighting. The Foreign Legion and Turcos were the attacking force. It is said that the French lost another hundred men in the assault. The Black Flags and Chinese then fell back, but their retreat is cut off. One report has it that the garrison have retired four miles, and there thrown up fresh earth-works. They can, however, be prevented from escaping, unless they swim the river, and it is probable that another attack will be made upon them. The losses of the French in the three days' engagement were rather heavy, owing to the galling fire from the entrenchments; but when close quarters were reached the superiority of the French troops was at once established. Admiral Courbet entered the citadel on the morning of the 17th Dec., from whence he dated his despatch. The fall of Sontai may possibly hasten the operations against Bacninh, which, according to some accounts, is not so strong a position naturally as Sontai.—*Daily Press.*

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No. 487 January 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Pike Consul General ad interim to the State Department.

Subject:—

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No. 487

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, January 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

In my despatch No 486 I informed the Department of the capture of Bacninh by the French troops and enclosed a newspaper clipping giving a few particulars of it. Since then nothing further has transpired beyond a report which reached here yesterday that the march of the French on Bacninh had already commenced and a day had been fixed for the assault. With the exception of Bacninh at which place there has been more or less excitement prevailing since the last few months ago. I hear of no hostile demonstrations against

against foreigners arising among the natives at the treaty ports. About three weeks ago, at a place called Shihlung, some fifty miles from Canton city, there was a disturbance which resulted in two Americans and one French missionary being obliged to flee for Canton; some damage was done to the missionaries premises, but order was soon restored by the timely representation of Mr. Consul Seymour to the Chinese Authorities. As it may interest the Department I enclose a newspaper clipping of a translation of a very outspoken memorial by Chang Chih Tung Governor of Shansi on the difficulty between France and China. The document is valuable as a representative expression

of

of opinion, and as affording a key no doubt to the present policy of the Chinese Government. There can be no question that it is virtually the high provincial officials who govern China, and the Emperor who in many instances is no more than their spokesman. Chang Chih Tung is one of these men of influence; and what is his opinion? He does not seem hopeful in the prospect of war: but he evidently looks upon war as inevitable unless China can make up her mind to eat a good deal more dirt; metaphorically speaking, than the Chinese even eat in the ordinary way. The country is to be parcelled out: her resources are to be taken the fullest

fullest advantage of: fortifications are
to be made on a large scale for
resisting the invasion of the Tunch,
the worst is to be looked in
the face, and the prestige of
China vindicated at whatever cost.
Such is no doubt the spirit which
animates a good many of the
class to which the Governor of
Shansi belongs, and from my
experience in this country and
from what I have seen, there
is certainly some good ground
for believing that it is reflected
more or less in the declared
policy of the Celestial Government.
It is no doubt true that some
of the suggestions of the memorialist
have been adopted, if not anticipated.
The circumstances of the dispute

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France have been placed before the
people after a fashion: plans have
been made for defence and generals
appointed but how much further
the Chinese intend to go is still
a matter of speculation.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

[redacted]

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure

No 1. Newspaper clippings

FRANCE AND CHINA.

SECRET MEMORIAL FROM CHANG CHIH-TUNG CONCERNING ANNAM.

Chang Chih-tung (張之洞), Futai of Shansi, on bended knees presents the following Memorial, with reference to making a Tributary State secure, and preventing cruel persecutions against it; whereby, making war in one day, peace may be secured for ten thousand years. From former times until now, all dissensions in that State which the Government of the Tributary may not be able to quell itself, have been tranquillised by the Greater Empire. Hence we have smoothed her difficulties many times. Now, since year by year Annam has paid in her tribute without fail, we should not at last neglect her. This matter of tribute is known throughout the Ten Thousand Kingdoms of the World, but France in her spirit of aggression has browbeaten the weaker state [of Annam]. Supposing the case that Annam had offended France, then she should first notify the fact to the Heavenly Dynasty (China); France ought by no means, brooding mischief, to have attempted to encroach upon Annam. Nor can such a procedure be within the spirit of International Law. Where, then, is the inborn nature of justice, in France? It is the duty therefore of the Sacred Dynasty to explain the injustice of the French to the world, and then collect its armies to punish these cruel persecutions. There should be no hesitation in the matter, nor should there be any spirit of self-depreciation to the effect that we are useless in war. Those who urge for peace say that "France is like a whale, which, opening its mouth, wishes to swallow up (Annam), and that if China helps her, France would surely declare war against us; moreover the Treasury of the Empire is not full, how then would it be possible to go to war?" But according to the Memorialist's ideas there can be no cause for fear. The Peace Party are only anxious, in their selfishness, for their own comfort. They simply wish to perform their official duties in peace and laziness. Now even supposing the Government Treasuries be empty, if we devise plans to fill them it is not so impossible as to be sure of failure. The Peace Party also say, "the French have strong ships and formidable guns, and are always prepared for war. What, then, can China do if the French ships of war keep continually warring against her?" The Memorialist is of opinion that no fear on this account ought to be entertained. For years the Arsenals in the several provinces have expended millions each year for the purpose of manufacturing munitions of war. If now we do not put them to use, to what ultimate use can they be destined? The French must come with much trouble and privation from afar, while we await them at our leisure. We shall be fighting on our own ground, whence recruiting will be exceedingly easy, whereas the French as strangers will not have this advantage. The difference therefore will be immeasurable.

If we do not go to war, what possibility will there be hereafter for China to uphold her name as a strong Power amongst other nations? and, moreover, how can she protect her tributaries? When it was determined to send soldiers to Annam to protect her from injustice, the minds of all men were glad, and numbers came voluntarily to enrol themselves as soldiers. Moreover, the French troops have been beaten in succession; hence we should take the opportunity and attack them. If, however, the French army, having received their reinforcements, be collected together, it will be hard to conquer them.

The Memorialist suggests three plans, should war be declared against France. The first is to infuse the nature of the case into the hearts of the people; the second is to consult upon plans for self-defence; the third is to settle upon the necessary generals to lead the armies. Now, with reference to the first. The people all know how cruel the French are, and now that France has warred against Annam, a tributary state of China, it is an instance of despising the Suzerain; hence the people are unanimous for war. The Memorialist therefore hopes that an Imperial Decree will be forwarded to the High Officials of the Border Provinces directing them to explain the rights and wrongs of the matter to the people, who will then be prepared for war; then rewards for good conduct can be first granted to the deserving, so that, when the time comes for fighting, the people will be enthusiastic for battle, and also know the Justice and Augustness of the Emperor. With reference to the second plan, measures must be consulted for the defence of Fuhkien, Kuangtung, Kuang-si, Yünnan, Kiangnan and Tientsin. Yünnan is the nearest to the seat of war, and hence it is the most important. But even if Yunnan be a large province, still most of it consists of wild places, and hence it is fit for the battle-fields of our Dynasty. Should the French, therefore, come by land, they will be lost in the passes of an unknown country. Yünnan therefore will have no cause for fear. Fuhkien and Kuang-tung being on the sea coast, it would be easy for the French ships of war to enter their ports; the Throne therefore should quickly send a Decree directing the High Officials of those provinces to order the military officials to construct forts at the most important spots for their defence, and also order out our ships of war to give the necessary assistance. Hence, all being prepared, they can await the arrival of the enemy. Kiang-nan possesses the largest number of ships of war. Tso Tsung-t'ang is a man of great experience, and there is no ground for doubt but that he has matured all his plans in the event of hostilities. Kiang-nan, therefore, is sufficiently protected. Tientsin is the nearest to the Sacred Capital; it is important, therefore, that talented men should be placed there to lead the troops stationed there, and who can also plan strategic measures. The French,

coming from a distance of a thousand *li*, will, in this case, surely be conquered. With reference to the third place, Tsên Yü-ying (岑毓英) is well known in Yünnan and Kueichow, and feared by the people. The French also admire and revere him. The Memorialist, therefore, prays that the Throne will command that Viceroy speedily to raise troops for the rescue of Annam. The French, having recently suffered defeat, will then be unable to withstand a numerous and fresh army. The military sage Sun (孫子) says, "We must not say that we are sure to conquer before we fight; after the battle is over and we are victorious, then it will be time enough to say so."* If we do not fight against France, and the despatches coming to and fro speak of peace and nothing but peace, then China will be put to great derision before other countries, and thus be proportionately browbeaten hereafter. There will be no more plans for China, nor can she even be rescued into safety.

Now if we go to war and be victorious, all countries will know the strength and majesty of our soldiers, and in consequence that of our Emperor. Therefore by warning in one day, we will be able to secure a peace of ten thousand years, and Annam be rescued. The Memorialist does not venture to boast, nor is he happy in the prospect of war; but he sees that things are changing in the world, and everything is being made more difficult. For this reason he dares to tell his opinion to the Empress Dowager and the Emperor, and reverently prays that his Memorial may be sent to the High Officials of all the Provinces and consulted upon, and that they be directed to pay attention to the expressions of the Memorialist, whereby he displays on the one hand his solicitude for his country and on the other his indignation at the procedure of France. He therefore prays that the Sacred Glance may be cast upon his reverential Memorial.

* The true meaning of the quotation is seen in the context of his works, viz:—"Do not despise an enemy."—TRANS.

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Dr St. Clair

No. 488 January 16th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of despatches

No. 488

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, January 16th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches numbered 184. 185 and 186 the last dated 4 November 9th 1883.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
F. D. Chipman
Vice Consul General in charge

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W. Chilton

No. 489 January 22nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chentung Yui Consul General in charge to the State Department.

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To Mr. Frelinghuysen
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In reference to the feeling prevailing among the Chinese at Canton over the French question.

No. 489

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, January 22nd 1884

Hon. John Davis,

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Owing to a telegraphic message received some time ago to the effect that the Paris papers urged the occupation of Kelung, Formosa, or Chusan as a guarantee of the war expenses, the Chinese officials at Canton have been & beginning themselves and are making extensive preparations against possible contingencies in preparing torpedoes, cairn shaped crafts laden with stones &c &c. for blockading purposes, as well as despatching troops for maritime defence. As indicating the feeling prevailing & among the officials at Canton and the

the action they are taking. I enclose translation of a circular letter issued by the Viceroy of the Two Kwang Province to the treaty Consuls; also three proclamations issued by the Imperial Commissioner Ying & Lui the Viceroy of the Liang Kwang and the Governor of Kwang tung.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure

No 1. Newspaper clippings

FRANCE AND CHINA.

IMPORTANT PROCLAMATIONS BY P'ÊNG YÜ-LIN.

I.

Proclamation issued at Canton the 7th day of the 12th moon (January 4th 1884) concerning forming Naval and Land Volunteer Corps along the Coast Board of the Province of Kuangtung.

I, P'êng, Imperial High Commissioner, in conjunction with Chang, Viceroy of Kuangtung and Kuangsi, and Yü, Fu t'ai of Kuangtung, do hereby make the following Proclamation to the different Prefectures and Magistracies along the sea-coast, to form Naval and Land Volunteer Corps for the better preservation of its defences. The Coast Board of Kuangtung consists of a line extending over 3,000 *li*. The Middle Division comprises the Prefecture of Kuang-chou Fu (Canton) whose dependencies consist of the Magistracies of Nan-hai, P'an-yu, Tung-yuan, Shun-tê, Hsiang-san (Macao) Chêu-ch'eng, Hsin-huei, Hsin-ngan and Hsin-ning. To these above-named Magistracies we have already issued important orders for the forming of Land Volunteer Regiments among the villages, and Naval Volunteer Brigades among the Fishing population. The Eastern Division of the Coast Board consists of the Magistracies of Hai-fêng and Luh-fêng, which are dependencies of the Prefecture of Huai-chou Fu and the Magistracies of Ch'ao-yang, Chih-yang, Chêng-hai, Sao-p'ing and Huai-lai which are contained in the Prefecture of Ch'ao-chou Fu (Swatow.) The Western Division of the Coast Board consists of the Prefectures of Tsao-ch'ing Fu, containing the Magistracies of Yang-chiang and Ngên-p'ing; Kao-chou Fu consisting of the Magistracies of Hua-chou, Tien-peh and Wu-chuan; Lien-chou Fu, consisting of the magistracies of Heh-p'u; Lei-chou Fu containing the Magistracies of Huai-k'ang, Sui-ch'i and Hsü-wen, and lastly Ch'ung-chou Fu, (Hainan) whose dependencies are the Magistracies are Ch'ung-san, Ch'eng-li, T'ing-ngan, Chan-chou, Wen-ch'ang, Ch'ang-hua, Huei-t'ung, Loh-huei, Ling-kao, Wan-chou, Ling-shui, Yeu-chou, and Kan-ngên. All the above-named cities and districts are along the sea coast and it is of the greatest importance that earnest measures should be undertaken to form Land and Water Volunteer Brigades amongst the inhabitants of those places, for their defence. Upon investigation we find that amongst the population of the cities in question are a great number of men whose pursuits consist in fishing for their livelihood, so that a hundred odd thousand may with ease be gathered together. These men can gather like the wind and tide, they are able to form ambuscades in the water a whole day, and if they are formed into regiments, they may be able to perform marvellous deeds. They could burn the enemy's (French) ships by firing red-hot shot and shell; by using fire-arrows; or by blowing them up by means of torpedoes. For this purpose we now order the different Prefectures and Magistracies to make census of all the fishing boats and their occupants, to form them into temporary guards or perpetual regiments, and having made a list of them to forward it to the different Imperial Naval divisions stationed along the sea coast, so that the Volunteers may be ready at a moment's notice to perform their duties and be drafted to any given point.

We also promise solemnly that should they be able to capture an enemy's ship or by the use of torpedoes blow one up, these men will have separate rewards. Should any one, however, attempt to make false representations, after receiving notification to give their services to the State, or having received their arms and ammunition, turn traitors and give secret aid or guidance to the enemy, then such persons upon being found out shall suffer immediate decapitation according to military law. These are the important points to be observed in forming Naval Corps of Volunteers.

Furthermore in every Prefecture and Magistracy there are important points to be held. Now for this work troops brought from a distance are by no means so good as those of the Militia brigades formed on the spot. These latter should therefore be embodied to guard these points, and, by continual practice in drilling in camps, be able when the time comes to form some well conducted plan, and thus prevent the enemy from despoiling and gaining possession of our villages. We therefore order the different Prefectures and Magistracies to form the Volunteer Brigades, and, selecting the best and most able-bodied men, form them into regiments and turn them over to the defence guards. All these men should be earnestly ordered to attend their drills, and the officials are furthermore commanded to concert measures for the storing-up of grain for the men. Should the regiments thus formed, in holding the most important positions, succeed in slaying any robbers, they will be rewarded accordingly, but they are prohibited from making disturbances, or getting into quarrels with the inhabitants. Should any therefore be guilty of such acts they will be dealt with according to military law. These are the important points to be observed in the formation of Land Volunteer regiments.

Now in forming the Volunteer Land and Naval Brigades, it must be known that they are for mutual assistance in battle, and are to act conjointly in the defence of the several tens of Prefectures and Magistracies. This will obviate the necessity of making drafts from the regular army. Let the several Intendants of Circuits, Prefects, Sub-prefects and Magistrates obey this proclamation and moreover issue extra proclamations in order that the people may know our purpose, and that the Volunteer Land and Naval Brigades of each Prefecture and Magistracy along the Coast Board may obey our proclamation, and use their almost endeavours in drilling and practising their different evolutions on land and water, in order to be prepared in time of war, and battle against the enemy. Do not disobey this Special Proclamation for forming Volunteer Brigades. Kuang Hsü, 9th year, 12th moon, 7th day (January 4th 1884).

II.

I, Pêng, Imperial High Commissioner, Junior Guardian of the Heir Apparent, Director of Military Affairs in Kuangtung, President of the Board of War, of the 1st Order of Nobility; in conjunction with Chang, Junior Guardian of the Heir Apparent, President of the Board of War, Vice President of the Court of Censors, Viceroy and Generalissimo of the Liang Kuang Armies, and Superintendent of the Commissariat; and Yü, Vice President of the Board of War, Vice President of the Court of Censors, Futai and Lieutenant General of Kuangtung, and Superintendent of the Commissariat, do hereby make the following Proclamation for forming Volunteer Corps to fight against the enemy. The people of Kuangtung have proved their loyalty and bravery, as may be seen in the 4th year of the Emperor Hsien Fêng.

when forming eighty-three regiments of Volunteers they swept away the Red Turbaned hordes of marauders. We, having come to Kuangtung to conduct its defences, have already memorialized the Throne concerning the formation of Volunteer Brigades from the villagers and fishermen. We find that the Prefecture of Kuang-chou Fu (Canton) contains the nine Magistracies of Nan Hai, P'an Yü, Tung Yüu, Shun Têh, Hsin San, Chêng Ch'eng, Hsin Hsei, Hsin Ngan and Hsin Ning. These nine Magistracies are the "gates" of the Sea Coast Defences. Now that at the present moment there are difficulties from the sea, it is extremely necessary that the people of these nine Magistracies should combine together as with one mind in their loyalty, and be a rampart for the defences of the country. So that if there be no actual fighting they should act as guards and secure peace in the rivers, and, in the time of war, show their bravery in resistance against the enemy. This will also save military expenses. We hear that each Magistracy has already numbered each family among the boating population, and taxed them accordingly, for the support of guard boats. Now there are great numbers of boats belonging to the floating population along the banks of the rivers, so that at a call tens of thousands of men can be gathered in a moment. We have therefore given orders to the several military officials and magistrates to collect the gentry and desire them to be diligent in drilling their people, and earnestly call upon the floating population, and, choosing the best, form them into guards to hold the most important positions, so that when the time for meeting the enemy arrives to be ready at once to move to any given point, such as guarding the Metropolis (Canton City) or holding important points, or preventing the enemy from advancing, or chasing him when he retreats. Should they slay the enemy, or burn or capture his vessels or by using torpedoes blow them up, then we solemnly promise to give extra rewards to the troops. Should however any elders of families give false representations of the number of their men, or conceal their junks, or receiving food and arms turn traitors and guide the enemy, on being found out they will be dealt with according to military law. Should the enemy declare war and fight us in earnest, he will act contrary to Treaty and the wrong is on his side, and we call upon you people to resist him with all your strength. But you are prohibited from molesting the other Treaty nations who are at peace with us. Should any one be guilty of this he will be punished accordingly. We order the several military officials, magistrates and gentry to see to it that extra proclamations be made to that effect to the people, and order all the Volunteer Brigades to obey our Proclamation, and resist to the utmost the enemy, that both Naval and Land Volunteer forces may act in concert, and serve as one body in villages and cities. The Book of Records says, "What Heaven looks upon is the same as what my people look upon; what Heaven listens to is the same as what my people listen to." Therefore in ancient times there was strength in the people, so to the extent of tens of thousands of *li* people all came from afar into our borders. Whoever rebels against Heaven will surely come to grief.

With reference to the funds necessary, it must be according to the conditions already agreed upon. The defence of your lives and homes must rest upon the wealth of the rich among you and the bravery of the people, and in our sincere hope that each man may exert his utmost strength in their defence. Do not disobey this Special Proclamation for forming the fishing population into Volunteer Corps.

III.

Pêng, Imperial High Commissioner, Chang, President of the Board of War and Viceroy of Liang-kuang, and Yü, Vice-President of the Board of War and Court of Censors, and Futai of Kuang-tung, make this joint proclamation for forming Volunteer Corps of fishermen to act as auxiliaries in active battle or for the purpose of garrison.

As Volunteer Brigades of fishermen are to Volunteer Corps of villagers, so are battles on the water to battles on land. For this purpose we who are now in Kuangtung to conduct its defences have already memorialized the Throne concerning the pros and cons of forming the different Volunteer Corps. We find that the inhabitants of Kuang-tung who live by the sea, are accustomed by nature to winds and tides, and such of those who pursue the calling of fishermen are able some to remain for days in the water and some to dive to the river's bottom and lay ambuscades of torpedoes to blow up the enemy's ships. The present moment, being one of great difficulty, is just the time to exert one's self to preserve his country from the invader. With reference to the number of fishing junks, we have at present before us the report of Colonel Wu Ch'ou-wên stating that there are in all 5,000 junks; but should there be any not reported, this shall not exempt them, but they shall be enrolled in the usual manner. The able-bodied fishermen should exert themselves and drill diligently in conjunction with the land volunteers; should the enemy's vessel therefore attempt to force its way through the "gates" of the port (channels leading to Canton and other places), these fishing junks forming in the rear of the regular troops of the Land and Naval Divisions shall prepare in great quantities fire-arrows, fire-balls, and fire-ships, and, employing strategy, gain victory. Should any gunboat be captured or by means of torpedoes an enemy's ship be blown to pieces extra rewards will be granted to the troops. This we solemnly promise.

Besides the Bocca Tigris there are the Hêng Mên, Yen Mên, Wu Tao, and Hu T'iao passes which lead up to the city of Canton, and whose channels join the Canton river on the right just where it branches off in its several directions. Now the natives of the soil alone are able to understand perfectly these channels and passes, so that in times of emergency it is important that the Volunteer fishermen be ready at once to receive orders, either to act as guards or to battle in earnest. They will then be able to slay the invaders, and in such an event will be generously rewarded by us. Should however the elders among the fishermen attempt to conceal the number of their families, or hide their junks, or receiving food and arms become traitors and guide the enemy, on being found out such persons shall suffer by military law. We order, therefore, that colonels of regiments, magistrates, deputies, and the gentry shall make extra proclamations and desire each family living in the junks to obey our Proclamation. That each one may, by exerting his Heaven-born instinct, be of one mind to assist both on water and on land, and thus on the one hand serve their Emperor and on the other protect their homes, is the earnest wish of our souls. Do not disobey this Special Proclamation!

12th moon 7th day (4th January, 1884.)

The following is a translation of the circular despatch sent by the Viceroy of the Two Kwang to the foreign Consuls at Canton :—

Kwang Su 9th year, 12th month, 11th day.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the Board of Provincial Administration a report running as follows :—

"We humbly beg to bring to your notice that two camps have been established on the Canton river in the neighbourhood of Pai-tu-kang, and that consequently measures must be taken, for the sake of easy communication between the two banks, to bridge this waterway.

"Furthermore it will be necessary to close the Whampoa waterway, as a torpedo station has been established there, and continual torpedo exercise is going on; this in order to avoid that ships trading there do not come in contact with the water-mines.

"In concurrence with General Wu, who commands the troops coming from Huai-an-fu, (in the province of Kangan), we have decided to bridge the river Hai-kang in the neighbourhood of Pai-tu-kang with a wooden structure, thus making a direct communication with the place Sha-lu and making intercourse between the two banks of the river easy for the troops. As, however, ships are continually passing at this point, and the steamers of all nations use this waterway when going up to Canton, it will be necessary to leave an opening in the middle of the bridge and at the deepest point of the water, of about 6 to 7 *ch'ang*, thus allowing the ships traffic.

"As foreign built ships of large size do not frequent the Whampoa waterway, and as torpedo practice is taking place there at present, a closing of the same is unavoidable, so that by no mischance ships might be injured.

"We have therefore agreed with Major Huang Ting-yao, who commands the Government junks, to close the river near the Islands Yü-chu and Ton-sha, and to put up the necessary obstructions to stop the passage of ships, thus avoiding their destruction by the mines. Having given the necessary written instructions to the effect, we will not fail to bring the above to your Excellency's notice, asking at the same time to give all naval and millitary garrisons the necessary instructions.

"We furthermore beg of your Excellency to give due intimation to the Consuls of all the Treaty Powers, so that they may instruct all steamers that, in navigating the Canton river they have to make use of the waterway passing by Sha-lu, and to take care not to damage the wooden bridge, and that they may not use the waterway passing by Yü-shu in order to avoid collision with the obstructions placed there and the consequent destruction. We beg to enclose a plan showing all details."

I, the Governor-General, have thereupon given you the necessary notification, and ask you at the same time to give all steamers flying the flag of your country the necessary instructions, so that they may carry out and comply with the measures taken. Enclosed is a plan showing all details.—I have the honour to be.

[Card of the Viceroy].

CHANG SHU-SHENG.

Notes by translator.—Kai-tu Kang is marked on the chart as Dane's Island.—6 to 7 *ch'ang* are equal to 60 to 70 Chinese feet or 70 to 80 English feet.—Yüchu is called Lousia Island and Ton-sha, Flat Island on the chart.

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Dr. St. Clair

No. 490 January 23d 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Pou Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of dispatches & Circular letters.

No. 490

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, January 23rd 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches number 187 and 188 the last dated December 4th 1883. also Circular letters of date November 20th and 24th 1883.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

T. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge.

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No. 491 January 31st 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Thurlow Vice Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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In reference to Mr. Consul Seymour's
No 43.

No. 491.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, January 31st 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Referring to Mr. Consul Seymours despatch No. 43 I have the honor to address you the nomination of Baron Von Seckendorff to be Consular Agent at Swatow. I respectfully call the Department's attention to the suggestions of Mr. Seymour in regard to the Consular Agencies under his Jurisdiction.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Sprague

Vice Consul General in charge

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D. St Clair

No. 492 February 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chester Arthur Consul General, in charge, to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Marshals Return

No. 492

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith Marshals return for the Quarter ending December 31st 1883.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure

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[Form No. 137.]

THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI CHINA.

Criminal Suits from the First day of October to the Thirty first day of December 1883, inclusive.

NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	JUDGMENT.	AMOUNT OF FINE IMPOSED.	AMOUNT OF FEES CHARGED AND RECEIVED.	DISPOSITION OF FINES AND FEES.						APPEAL.
					Marshal.	Clerk.	Court.	Associates & Witnesses.	Interpreter.	Total.	
	Civil										
H. E. Pendleton	Contract	For Plaintiff	None	$7 10	$2.50	$4.60				$7.10	
Carrie Blanchard	"	"	"	23 20	5 50	12.70	5 00			23.20	
Kitty French	"	"	"	6 60	2 50	4 10				6.60	
	Criminal										
Carrie Blanchard	Threatning the	Bail $500 or	None.								
"	life of A. G. T.	Committed to									
"	Cumine.	Jail to keep									
"		the peace		$25 90	$9 80	$16 10				25.90	
Thomas Sullivan	Willful neglect	Committed to	None								
G. B. Stanley	of duty and	Jail 4 days									
B. M. Clabe	Absent without	and then return									
	leave	ed to Ship		45 65	31.45	14.20				45.65	"Luzon"
Thomas Sullivan	Assault										
G. B. Stanley	and	Prisoners	None.			None					"Luzon"
B. M. Clabe	Battery	discharged									
Thomas Cleary	"	"									
	Summary Court										
John W. Nelson	Assault & Battery	Fined $15 &									
"	"	costs or 10 days									
		Jail	$15 00	$3 00	$3 00				$18.00		
Charles Shurfurt	Drunk & incapable	None		3 00	3.00				3.00	"Luzon"	
Henry Reed	"	"		4 00	3 00	1 00			4.00	U.S.S. "Mauricy"	
H. Anderson											
F. Hellafrey	Desertion	"		25 00.	$24 00	$1 00			25.00.	"Ranelli"	
A. Michaelson											

G. Shufeldt

Marshal of the U.S. Consular Court.

Shanghai China

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Dr. McClain

No. 493. February 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chesbro Pratt Consul General, ad interim to the State Department.

Subject:—

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List of despatches sent to the Department

year ending December 31st 1883.

No. 493.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Annual Return of despatches sent to the Department of State during the calendar year ending December 31st 1883.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. W. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure
No. 1. Despatches sent to Department of State during year 1883.

file 03. St Clair

No. 494 February 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Chuhsi Tsai Consul General, Michigan to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Quarterly Returns 4th Quarter 1883.

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United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts and returns for the Quarter ending December 31st 1883.

Trusting that they may be found in order.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

T. Dekyshiel

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosures

No. 1. Digest of Invoice Book Form No. 117
" 2 Arrivals & departures of American vessels " " 120
" 3. Return of deceased American citizens " " 121
" 4. Record of Notarial services " " 159.

(Form No. 121.)

NAMES of all Deceased American Citizens, including Seamen or Mariners, together with the value of the personal effects belonging to them and taken possession of by or deposited with U. S. Consul at Shanghai China, from October 1st to December 31st, inclusive.

DATE DECEASE.	NAMES OF PERSONS.	OF WHAT PLACE A NATIVE OR RESIDENT.	IF A SEAMAN, TO WHAT VESSEL BELONGING.	WHERE DECEASED.	VALUE OF EFFECTS.	DISPOSITION MADE THEREOF.
1883.						
Nov 11th	J. W. Barker	Irvington N.Y.		Shanghai	Not known	Executor
" 24	F. Spencer	Bristol Eng		"	"	Administrator

F. B. Coleshill
Vice U. S. Consul.

Dr. St Clair

No. 495 February 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Pierce Consul General ad interim to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Rent and Miscellaneous expenses Foochow,
Fourth Quarter 1883.

No. 495

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, Febuary 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Quarterly returns of rent and miscellaneous expenses with vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31st 1883.

Trusting they may be found in order

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

P. D. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure
No 1 Rent & Miscellaneous expenses with vouchers
Form 90.

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Mr Clutton

No. 496 February 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Notifies of drawing draft (Form 90).

No. 496

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have drawn on the Honorable Secretary of State for six hundred and fourteen 38/100 ($614.38) dollars to balance account Form 90 Miscellaneous disbursements for Quarter ending December 31st 1883 for which I ask your protection.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F D Olcshevic

Vice Consul General in charge

file

Dr. St Clair

No. 1197 February 8th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chuchui Yui Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Note marriages

Annual Return. Year ending December 31st 83.

No. 497

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts and returns for the year ending December 31st 1883.

Trusting they may be found in order.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosures

No 1 Names of persons employed in the Consulate. Form 123.

" 2 Aggregate of fees received Form 105.

" 3 Report of Marriages of American citizens (paragraph 469

1883. Register

No.	Date	Names	age.	Birth place	Profession
20	Oct 29th	Alexander Fuller	39	East Boston	Mariner
		Emma Lee	24	St Louis.	
21.	Dec 18th	W. S. Emmons.	24	Sand Lake N.Y.	Mercantile
		E. Farnham.	22.	Shanghai	Assistant
22.	Dec 20th	H. W. Borne.	44	Batavia	Doctor
		A. E. Kirkby	26.	Michigan	Missionary

of Marriages 188

Residence	By Whom	Before Whom	Place of Naturalization
Shanghai	Rev.	E. A. Denny	
"	C. F. Judd	U.S. Consul General	
Shanghai	Rev.	F. D. Cheshire	
"	Appleton	Vice Consul General	
Shanghai	Rev.	F. D. Cheshire	
"	W. J. Boone	Vice Consul General	

F. D. Cheshire
Vice Consul General

Despatch N° 497

Enclosure " 3.

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Note

No. 498 February 14th 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Semi annual return of Estates.

No. 498

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 8th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose statements showing the position of the Estates of Vesa Lyle and William Park on the 31st of December 1883.

I also enclose the Executors final account of the Estate of Thomas Wills Barker deceased.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F D Chesebrough

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosures.

No 1 Estate of Vesa Lyle

" 2 " " Wm Park

" 3 " " T W Barker

1883.
Aug 2

In the matter of the Estate of

Dr

	£	s.	d.
To Counsellor fee	10	90.	

Claims not yet paid

Mrs Twigg. funeral expenses	£82.	5.	
Hospital expenses	£34.		

the Estate of Vesa Lyle deceased

Dr

			1883.		
	10	90	Aug. 20th	By Sale of Effects	113 39
			Nov. 16th	" Cash Hotel claim	15 75
1					
1	82	50			
1	34				

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Shanghai December 31st 1883

T Wakefield

Vice Consul General

Estate of Vina Lyle
deceased

Enclosure No 1

In the matter of the Estate

Of

1883				
May 9	To Commercial Gun		9	30
" 11	" Celestial Empire	(Advertising)	7	75
" 14	" Shanghai Mercury	"	1	50
" 15	" N. C. D. News	"	3	18
Dec. 17	" Fong Tai & Co.		9	35
" "	" Wilh & Wilhelmsen		13	60
Nov. 15	" Wilh & Wilhelmsen		18	
Dec. 19	" Yuen Seng		3	10
" 29	" Yik Dah		24	

Claims not yet paid.

Police Bgr Store	1 y 00
Took Chong	2. 10
Yau Fong	5.
G Haviland	10.

ter of the Estate of William Park deceased

Cr

				1883.			
	9	30		May 7th	By Cash (Compradore order)	3	55
(continuing)	7	75		" 9th	" " Municipal Council	13	60
"	1	50		" 18th	" " Sale of Effects Fl. 10.	48	77
"	3	18		June 5th	" " Balance of wages	10	33
	9	35		" 7th	" " Spirit duty	21	
	13	60		" 18th	" " One Share Masonic Club	10	
	18						
	3	10					
	24						

t paid.

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Shanghai December 31st 1883.

F. Bohsprue

Vice Consul General

Estate of Wm Park
deceased

Enclosure No 2.

Estate of the late Thomas Wills Barker

						$	¢	¢
To	Amount Paid	J. H. Schultz for Vouchers		$	1	30		
"	"	"	Wm Jamieson	"	2	34	63.	
"	"	"	Mackenzie & Co.	"	3		50	
"	"	"	Chan Yang.	"	4	1	25	
"	"	"	B Mozian & Co	"	5	3		
"	"	"	Mustard & Co.	"	6	1	25.	
"	"	"	Lane Crawford & Co	"	7	1	00	
"	"	"	Hall Holts & Co	"	8	28		
"	"	"	J. Llewellyn & Co.	"	9	1	50	
"	"	"	"	"	10	2	25	
"	"	"	Machavish Lehmann	"	11	8	75	
"	"	"	Celestial Empire	"	12	1	00	
"	"	"	Shanghai Mercury	"	13	1	00	
"	"	"	North China Herald	"	14	1	00	
"	"	"	"	"	15	3	88	
"	"	"	Boy	"	16	2	00	
"	"	"	Cordis	"	17	4	00	
"	"	"	A Dumpromeyer.	"	18	27	70	
"	"	"	Ah Chong	"	19	22	10	
"	"	"	A. Twigg.	"	20	142	66	
"	"	"	Hotel de Colonies	"	21	2	75	
"	"	"	N. C Herald.	"	22	8	73	
"	"	"	U. S. Consulate.	"	23	29	28	358 23
	Balance ℔c						$ 1210	41.
						Mexicans	$ 1568	64.
To	Amount remitted Thomas Wills Barker Sr. Irvington, New York as per terms of Will.						$ 1210	41.
							$ 1210	41.

t Thomas Wills Barker in account with W. R. Eastlack Executor.

Cr.

l Trucks,	# 1	30			By	Amount received from Compradore of the China & Japan Trading Co. Ltd being balance at credit of a/c		48	91	
"	2	34	63.							
o. "	3		50							
"	4	1	25		"	Amount received from China & Japan Trading Company Ltd balance at Credit of a/c as per a/c current attached.		1379	73	
& Co "	5	3								
Co. "	6	1	25							
& Co "	7	1	00							
Co "	8	28			"	Amount received from China & Japan Trading Company Ltd. to Cover Funeral expenses &c.		190		
Co. "	9	1	50							
"	10	2	25							
luncan "	11	8	75							1568 64.
mpire "	12	1	00							
rcury "	13	1	00							
rald "	14	1	00							
"	15	3	88							
"	16	2	00							
"	17	4	00							
"	18	27	70							
"	19	22	10							
"	20	142	66							
es "	21	2	75							
"	22	8	73							
te. "	23	29	28	358	23					
			#	1210	41.					
		Mexicans	#	1568.	64.			Mexicans	#	1568 64
						By Balance brought down			#	1210 41

mas Wills
ew York

E & O. E.

Shanghai December 11th 1883.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 11th December 1883.

(Signd) O. N. Denny
Consul General Acting Judicially

(Signd) W. R Eastlack
Executor.

	#	1210	41.	
	#	1210	41.	

Estate of P. W. Barker
deceased

Final Account

Enclosure No. 3.

McCulloch
& Wescullar

No. 499 February 11th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Pierce Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Piece Goods at Shanghai.

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Encloses Table of Trade

No. 499

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 11th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose table of the trade, showing the supply and consumption in piece goods at Shanghai for the years 1878-1883 with statement of stocks, which may prove of interest to the Department.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

T. R. Hesketh

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure

No. 1 Table of Trade.

TABLE OF THE TRADE (Supply and Consumption) in PIECE GOODS at SHANGHAI during the years 1878-1883, with statement of Stocks on the 1st January each year, as circulated by the Chamber of Commerce.

	1884. January 1st.	1883.	Increase compared with 1882.	Decrease compared with 1882.	1882.	Increase compared with 1881.	Decrease compared with 1881.	1881.	Increase compared with 1880.	Decrease compared with 1880.	1880.	Increase compared with 1879.	Decrease compared with 1879.	1879.	Increase compared with 1878.	Decrease compared with 1878.	1878.
GREY SHIRTINGS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	1,425,616	1,914,707	..	..	1,239,205	..	..	888,356	..	..	944,418	..	..	966,608	..	..	1,682,967
Imports for the year	..	4,148,688	..	1,203,502	5,352,190	..	416,450	5,768,640	806,706	..	4,861,934	..	840,158	5,802,092	2,540,609	..	8,261,491
Deliveries do.	..	4,960,504	..	1,493	4,964,997	..	350,693	5,315,690	140,950	..	5,174,900	..	746,957	5,921,787	1,784,490	..	4,187,347
T-CLOTHS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	703,228	544,153	..	..	705,767	..	..	803,874	..	..	275,757	..	..	949,287	..	..	929,519
Imports for the year	..	2,946,181	462,054	..	1,804,127	..	599,806	2,383,933	..	893,640	5,167,373	1,256,484	..	1,913,869	..	667,501	2,581,370
Deliveries do	..	1,762,927	62,605	..	1,099,922	..	421,824	2,121,746	..	243,113	3,984,859	..	16,894	2,981,758	1,068,500	..	2,219,153
WHITE SHIRTINGS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	309,189	446,841	..	..	482,560	..	..	231,167	..	..	176,533	..	..	178,308	..	..	195,223
Imports for the year	..	1,258,618	..	55,660	1,269,273	..	450,788	1,720,056	560,016	..	1,200,040	223,568	..	906,472	851,754	..	614,718
Deliveries do.	..	1,248,380	..	52,693	1,302,073	..	11,606	1,313,681	297,806	..	1,016,078	89,108	..	926,970	821,911	..	605,089
DRILLS—English and Dutch—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	131,830	265,209	..	..	355,253	..	..	250,198	..	..	25,029	..	..	141,702	..	..	131,700
Imports for the year	..	159,054	..	264,441	396,495	..	211,022	704,517	..	48,949	750,766	209,128	..	481,640	..	116,101	597,741
Deliveries do.	..	260,804	..	26,696	187,400	..	205,65	597,056	85,083	..	515,997	..	94,146	608,113	3,512	..	604,601
DRILLS—American—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	170,925	205,675	..	..	45,696	..	..	15,590	..	..	128,750	..	..	125,160	..	..	65,110
Imports for the year	..	327,852	..	129,298	327,2.9	31,665	..	495,585	310,697	..	184,866	..	349,873	580,761	86,263	..	493,798
Deliveries do.	..	418,919	54,548	..	304,370	..	104,966	469,286	170,78.	..	292,601	..	225,428	518,029	102,871	..	415,358
JEANS—English and Dutch—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	42,040	43,270	..	..	72,770	..	..	128,050	..	..	11,520	..	..	48,860	..	..	86,240
Imports for the year	..	151,642	5,789	..	145,853	13,786	..	122,067	..	905,897	324,754	180,604	..	154,150	84,150	..	120,000
Deliveries do.	..	144,908	..	1,403	146,226	..	84,413	180,739	..	2,3.9	185,648	4,704	..	178,844	41,005	..	187,240
JEANS—American—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	30,220	2,000	..	..	4,500	..	..	5,600	..	..	..	..	..	7,160	..	..	13,580
Imports for the year	..	65,009	22,254	..	21,205	..	4,420	87,225	..	16,225	53,450	22,950	..	80,500	15,500	..	15, 00
Deliveries do.	..	27,709	..	2,961	30,160	..	10,780	40,890	..	951	41,841	4,851	..	86,990	..	7,072	44,062
SHEETINGS—English—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	70,015	118,073	..	..	88,113	..	..	68,497	..	..	18,160	..	..	17,792	..	..	26,371
Imports for the year	..	160,772	..	15,336	291,119	136,064	..	175,044	..	22,084	197,108	127,108	..	70,000	41,191	..	28,869
Deliveries do.	..	208,568	123	..	2 3,446	37,951	..	165,485	22,612	..	142,873	79,808	..	63,565	22,580	..	41,025
SHEETINGS—American and Continental—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	298,060	186,640	..	..	141,270	..	..	49,630	..	..	41,890	..	..	61,475	..	..	72,330
Imports for the year	..	652,185	72,250	..	579,985	..	87,120	617,055	..	52,026	676,081	47,981	..	634,500	227,921	..	406,579
Deliveries do.	..	580,250	..	9,710	529,960	..	44,254	584,214	..	4,480	589,694	..	77,079	665,773	275,003	..	390,770
SHIRTINGS—Dyed—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	6,441	22,721	..	..	2,989	..	..	10,250	..	..	6,445	..	..	6,498	..	..	3,240
Imports for the year	..	54,114	..	24,022	86,146	48,924	..	87,292	..	34,481	71,063	43,415	..	28,248	..	8,978	57,236
Deliveries do.	..	65,789	34,963	..	51,931	..	64,698	96,319	47,114	..	49,105	22,294	..	26,871	..	4,833	31,704
BROCADE & SPOT. SHIRTINGS—White—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	4,038	899	..	..	2,047	..	..	550	..	..	4,490	..	..	500	..	..	3,040
Imports for the year	..	7,640	5,274	..	2 866	..	5,942	8,808	7,513	..	795	..	18,914	19,709	14,809	..	5,900
Deliveries do.	..	4,121	708	..	3,418	..	1,846	5,.59	802	..	4,257	..	8,995	13,969	5,686	..	7,866
BROCADE & SPOT. SHIRTINGS—Dyed—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	4,550	20,811	..	..	16,195	..	..	4,445	..	..	5,847	..	..	17,809	..	..	9,950
Imports for the year	..	41,618	..	13,775	55,268	..	2,543	57,936	19,869	..	38,067	..	2,409	40,475	..	21,235	61,700
Deliveries do.	..	49,063	5,956	..	43,127	..	5,868	49,995	10,862	..	39,113	..	14,963	53,476	530	..	52,946
DAMASKS—Dyed—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	5,990	7,159	..	..	5,855	..	..	3,407	..	..	2,720	..	..	3,151	..	..	6,613
Imports for the year	..	3,163	1,344	..	6,819	..	3,919	15,.3.	2,302	..	12,716	6,326	..	6,290	..	9,338	15,718
Deliveries do.	..	7,286	..	662	8,048	..	4,998	12,916	981	..	11,985	..	1,981	13,966	1,822	..	13,544
CHINTZES & PRINTED T-CLOTHS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	20,859	40,013	..	..	41,803	..	..	51,297	..	..	37,182	..	..	39,471	..	..	39,127
Imports for the year	..	219,916	61,469	..	158,447	6,257	..	132,190	..	57,139	208,859	28,519	..	185,810	43,406	..	142,514
Deliveries do.	..	156,644	60,963	..	95,681	..	39,360	135,547	..	19,109	147,856	..	24,965	172,021	40,883	..	135,338
TURKEY RED SHIRTINGS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	90,498	110,651	..	..	91,395	..	..	44,904	..	..	24,173	..	..	88,152	..	..	86,490
Imports for the year	..	226,082	..	51,408	277,436	..	29,788	430,294	144,961	..	285,258	41,688	..	248,620	80,812	..	218,308
Deliveries do.	..	291,167	..	54,084	245,271	..	32,650	277,921	107,155	..	270,766	..	17,306	287,972	108,354	..	179,618
VELVETS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	9,070	18,184	..	..	22,689	..	..	19,256	..	..	630	..	..	25,405	..	..	11,967
Imports for the year	..	16,189	..	20,966	37,105	..	23,581	60,686	..	11,228	72,314	42,549	..	29,065	..	67,101	76,766
Deliveries do.	..	27,626	..	18,507	41,133	..	15,583	56,716	1,215	..	55,401	..	2,228	57,629	..	5,295	69,934
VELVETEENS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	1,206	5,625	..	..	3,223	..	..	,286	..	..	2,712	..	..	3,996	..	..	2,184
Imports for the year	..	7,500	..	11,695	18,595	..	9,779	22,374	7,206	..	14,568	..	3,450	17,836	..	3,429	21,297
Deliveries do.	..	10,186	..	5,350	13,585	..	4,660	18,196	4,512	..	13,884	..	2,157	15,841	217	..	15,694
HANDKERCHIEFS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	96,447	164,198	..	..	201,408	..	..	105,698	..	..	99,.80	..	..	99,950	..	..	192,717
Imports for the year	..	319,426	116,923	..	202,495	..	201,989	504,262	102,722	..	841,.40	37,799	..	508,841	142,548	..	160,236
Deliveries do.	..	193,946	..	27,757	230,8.3	..	70,411	291,214	34,183	..	207,081	10,534	..	246,587	11,535	..	295,019
MUSLINS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	7,894	25,708	..	..	26,899	..	..	29,386	..	..	24,230	..	..	19,655	..	..	..
Imports for the year	..	111,445	4,922	..	106,523	..	70,205	176,328	..	74,452	251,220	113,746	..	137,544	43,161	..	94,383
Deliveries do.	..	109,709	..	55,189	164,891	..	8,296	173,187	23,287	..	149,900	33,499	..	116,401	52,145	..	64,256
DIMITIES—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	1,870	1,200	..	..	2,850	..	..	3,783	..	..	3,500	..	..	4,800	..	..	5,400
Imports for the year	..	1,991	899	..	1,992	..	1,190	2,262	..	536	2,698	427	..	2,411	..	4,756	7,167
Deliveries do.	..	3,969	616	..	3,253	..	1,501	4,854	1,844	..	3,010	..	6,987	9,947	3,717	..	6,250
SPANISH STRIPES—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	14,778	16,592	..	..	13,922	..	..	17,394	..	..	3,288	..	..	8,568	..	..	6,756
Imports for the year	..	49,045	..	6,949	55,994	4,985	..	50,459	..	12,968	62,427	10,427	..	55,990	533	..	52,458
Deliveries do.	..	40 629	..	1,992	42,631	..	8,609	51,230	1,365	..	49,365	343	..	49,022	2,833	..	46,191
MEDIUM & BROAD CLOTHS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	20,005	24,877	..	..	18,200	..	..	23,844	..	..	15,780	..	..	31,370	..	..	18,787
Imports for the year	..	33,892	..	11,392	45,184	5,722	..	59,462	..	8,754	48,216	21,224	..	26,992	..	26,515	53,507
Deliveries do.	..	32,025	1,440	..	31,583	..	7,292	38,875	909	..	37,966	..	3,007	41,035	4,263	..	36,771
CAMLWTS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	20,820	41,220	..	..	42,008	..	..	29,337	..	..	20,485	..	..	15,750	..	..	10,4 0
Imports for the year	..	81,316	..	23,076	104 592	..	60,683	165,275	49,973	..	115,102	6,388	..	108,714	11,425	..	97,289
Deliveries do.	..	107,785	..	452	108,237	..	33,904	141,141	33,744	..	107,397	..	3,050	110,447	15,835	..	94,612
LONG ELLS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	22,080	41,160	..	..	37,300	..	..	37,220	..	..	20,150	..	..	21,260	..	..	11,540
Imports for the year	..	70 876	..	23,632	60,908	..	3,171	97,079	..	1,276	98,765	..	21,570	120,334	20,204	..	99,43
Deliveries do.	..	87,692	..	2,598	89,090	..	18,585	100,275	11,194	..	88,841	..	31,507	119,948	30,646	..	89,302
LASTINGS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	24,556	28,670	..	..	37,540	..	..	12,170	..	..	3,260	..	..	12,200	..	..	14,260
Imports for the year	..	95,360	17,119	..	78,961	..	37,066	115,227	43,564	..	71,768	9,485	..	62,238	4,699	..	54,629
Deliveries do.	..	91,192	11,020	..	80,172	..	10,957	91,129	24,291	..	66,838	..	793	67,631	10,595	..	57,036
LASTINGS, CRAPE—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	2,480	2,280	..	..	4,240	..	..	7,294	..	..	1,830	..	..	2,598	..	..	1,350
Imports for the year	..	2,711	193	..	2,518	659	..	1,859	..	12,275	14,194	4,512	..	9,221	..	1,963	11,586
Deliveries do.	..	2,531	..	1,307	3,836	..	3,874	7,713	1,600	..	6,022	..	2,648	8,668	676	..	7,992
LUSTRES, PLAIN—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	600	2450	..	..	3,500	..	..	2,550	..	..	1,250	..	..	3,150	..	..	2,200
Imports for the year	..	2,748	..	101	2,849	..	6,017	8,866	..	9,909	18,708	891	..	18,377	1,078	..	17,301
Deliveries do.	..	6,982	948	..	6, 35	..	5,476	11,511	..	1,495	13,946	..	13,271	26,317	9,844	..	16,473
LUSTRES, FIGURED—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	33,260	46,230	..	..	36,347	..	..	102,708	..	..	20,260	..	..	21,268	..	..	24,260
Imports for the year	..	80,567	12,653	..	76,894	..	75,56	152,709	..	74,221	226,971	45,247	..	178,724	36,178	..	142,551
Deliveries do.	..	111,502	2,339	..	140,188	..	55,256	164,419	10,479	..	144,940	..	24,690	179,630	37,868	..	141,987
CRAPE LUSTRES—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	500	1,250	..	..	700	..	..	7,410	..	..	1,000	..	..	1,400	..	..	2,000
Imports for the year	..	190	..	2,729	2,849	..	182	3,031	..	1,894	4,285	..	2,099	6,384	..	176	6,560
Deliveries do.	..	1,960	..	810	2,770	..	171	2,899	..	1,568	4,167	..	2,042	6,209	..	2,567	3,642
PRINTED TWILLS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	88,270	85,770	..	..	54,749	..	..	40,573	..	..	27,475	..	..	1,264	..	..	..
Imports for the year	..	776,256	..	70,543	146,799	..	27,548	174,347	46,692	..	127,655	22,892	..	104,763	..	..	..
Deliveries do.	..	110,970	..	43,114	103,184	3,086	..	149,988	49,576	..	99,712	7,931	..	81,781	..	..	..
COTTON LASTINGS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	59,008	50,150	..	..	46,660	..	..	26,225	..	..	9,005	..	..	..	..	..	..
Imports for the year	..	189,140	87,488	..	96,707	..	19,3.4	104,291	18,649	..	91,351	26,316	..	65,035	..	..	..
Deliveries do.	..	188,497	104,796	..	76,641	..	17,775	90,416	26,561	..	69,855	6,420	..	63,422	..	..	..
COTTON YARS—																	
Chamber of Commerce Stock	8,188	8,188	..	..	6,469	..	..	7,231	..	..	1,470	..	..	1,435	..	..	..
Imports for the year	..	28,666	15,272	..	18,425	..	4,230	26,925	949	..	23,676	8,066	..	14,608	..	..	..
Deliveries do.	..	28,666	4,940	..	20,708	2,711	..	20,947	5,026	..	17,941	5,066	..	12,909	..	..	..

P. MACLEAN & Co.

Dr. St Clair

No. 500. February 19th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Chester Pierce Consul General ad interim to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Requisition for Stationery

Send us annual quantities. Tell them this requisition includes many articles not furnished by the Dept. & will have to be purchased at the printing office in Shanghai.

Sent as instructed Apl 2/84

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United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 19th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a requisition for stationery &c required for the use of this office, and beg to request that in packing them the cases be tin lined.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge.

Enclosure

No. 1 Requisition

No. 501 February 20 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Pierce Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

Ack by no Mail 3/84

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In reference to the difficulties between China & France

No. 501.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 20th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Since last addressing the Department in regard to the French - Chinese difficulties there has not been any material change in the aspect of affairs in Tong king, further than the arrival of French reinforcements from France.

It is generally thought that the French Forces are about to attack Bacninh, the place which Wanquid Tseng, the present Chinese Minister to France, stated if attacked, would be considered by China as a casus belli for war.

At present at all the treaty ports, or far as I can learn, peace and

and quiet prevails. and judging from the general sentiment prevalent among the native classes one would not suppose that there were any difficulties existing between the French and Chinese.

It is amusing to read the sensational articles which from time to time appear in the newspapers published in the United States, and to any one unacquainted with the situation of affairs here, it would seem from such articles that the lives and property of all foreigners in China were at any moment in peril. To be sure it cannot be denied that the Chinese Government have not been exercised over her present situation of affairs with France, and certain war preparations have been made but excepting perhaps at Canton, there has

has not been any marked hostile sentiment prevailing among the natives against foreigners.

Whatever may be the result of the present complications between France and China, it is safe to predict that China will do what she can to protect the interests of neutrals, and with the assistance given and agreed upon by the various Great Powers there is no cause for anxiety.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

T. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

No. 502 February 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Cheshire Vice Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of dispatches

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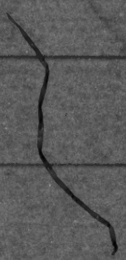

No. 507

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, February 21st 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches numbered 189 190 and 191 the last dated December 29th 1883

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F D Greathouse

Vice Consul General in charge

A. McClain

No. 503 March 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chulow Pro. Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Circular letter of December 14th 1883.

No. 503.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 1st 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter dated December 4th 1884

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F D Chesnut

Vice Consul General in charge

Resolutions
& Mrs Keakhoffer

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No. 504 Shanghai April 11 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Price Consul General in charge, to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses account of sale of Consulate office 3rd and 4th quarters 1883 and informs of drawing draft for same.

No. 504

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 1st 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you enclosed account for rent of Consular office for the third and fourth quarters ended September 30th and December 31st 1883. against which I have drawn my draft on the Honorable Secretary of State at fifteen days sight acceptance waived favor of myself for $448.92 U.S. Gold equivalent of $500.00 Mexicans as explained in the account which as you will observe is duly supported by vouchers.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

Pour obtenir ensuite

Le Greffier

Vice Consul Gerant in charge

Enclosure

No 1. Account.

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No. 505 March 1 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Shuhsi Hsü Consul General in charge to the State Department.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Replies to Department Circulars November 20 1883

No. 505

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 1st, 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Refering to your Circular letter of date the 20th November 1883. requiring me to prepare a statement for each month showing the character quantity and value of the principal articles exported from this port during the year 1882; the ports to which and the routes by which exported; the proportion of each important article exported by steam and sail; the nationality of the vessels employed in the trade and the amount of each article carried by the vessels of each nationality, I have the honor to state that while I am always ready and anxious to comply with all the

the instructions which I receive from the Department yet I regret that in the present instance I do not see how I can furnish the information called for in the Circular above alluded to. In publishing all reports upon trade in this country our Consuls are almost entirely dependent on the Returns published by the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs which are made up quarterly and annually. There are no monthly reports published giving the exportation by each vessel of each nationality, and the ports to which exported, and the quarterly returns only give the total amount of exports for the quarter under review to various countries, not each separately. Even if the Custom returns were kept in such a way as would admit of my obtaining the

the particulars called for, in the view of the enormous trade of Shanghai it would require the employment of a special man at considerable expense for some months to do the work. It would be difficult, in fact impossible to ascertain the exact route taken by each vessel leaving this port for many of them call at various ports after leaving here to complete cargoes. Of course it is safe to say that most of the steamers to Europe and to ports in the United States excepting the Pacific take the route via Suez Canal and sailing vessels around the Cape.

Regretting my inability to carry out the Department's wishes in this matter.

I am Sir

Sans Dol
Votre dévoué serviteur
J. B. Opsteijn
Voici encore Tenvat en change

Con'd.

Shanghai

Recd. Mch. 22/84.

Washington City D.C.
March 3rd 1884

Hon John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir

In the month of June last - upon information furnished me by an officer of the government - I reported Mr Chester Holcombe Secretary of the Legation in China for purchasing and shipping to ports of the United States dutiable merchandise curios &c. unaccompanied by Consular invoices, — : sending in lieu of the duly authenticated invoice fraudulent ones over his signature and seal as Secretary of Legation in fraud of the revenues of the public Treasury and in violation of the plain and express provisions of the law in such cases —

I am now informed that the correspondence has at last reached the Department and that there is an effort being made to induce it to give Mr. Holcombe a certificate for that which he has not enjoyed in the East for years viz: a character for honesty and fair dealing. I trust the Department will act justly in this business and that it will not consent to become the agent of Mr. Holcombe through Mr. Adee to forward copies of this correspondence to certain distinguished gentlemen as he was requested to do in Mr. Holcombes letter of October last as under such circumstances I should feel at liberty to publish all or such portion of it as I choose to make public at the time I reported this matter it did not occur to me that the Minister would deem it his duty to re-report it to the Department of State. I supposed Mr Young would simply direct Mr Holcombe to respect the law in his purchase & shipment of

of errors and cease his illegal practice in the future. and there the matter would end. but this course would have been taken perhaps. but for the fact that Mr Holcombe undertook to justify his conduct: and the more he justified the deeper he became involved. until at last he piteously appealed to the Department of State to save him from his illegal and unjustifiable conduct. The two last letters of Mr Holcombe on this business I have not been permitted to see. although I asked that Copies be furnished me - In replying to them therefore - which is the object of this letter - I am compelled to depend upon the memory of friends who have been permitted through the courtesy of the minister to read them. For this reason I shall not be able to consider the points discussed in their order. but will try and answer all that need attention before I have finished.

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In the first place I am informed that Mr. Holcombe attributes my action in reporting him to malice - assigning as a cause for it: that he gave circulation to slanders upon my character which Mr. Geo. Atkinson made the basis of his false and malicious charges against me last winter + while I am glad to know that Mr. Holcombe claims the credit of this baseness. yet I submit that the source of my information against him utterly excludes the idea + malice indeed; as well might he claim that, because during my official career at Shanghai I was called upon to try persons charged with murder arson and larceny. that those trials were due to malice on my part as to claim that my having reported

reported him for a deliberate and willful violation of the law whereby the public money has been defrauded, is malice. -

In the next place I understand Mr Holcombe charges me with being the instigator or author of certain newspaper paragraphs reflecting upon his conduct as a purchaser and shipper of curios. and criticising the appointment of Hon John Russell Young as minister to China + I respectfully invite your attention to the copy of the letter of the Editor of the journal in question Mr Balfour - herewith enclosed - which completely & honorably frees me from this charge - Notwithstanding this I desire also to add my emphatic denial of any knowledge or complicity in the matters so charged. At the same time candor compells me to assert that the paragraph relating to Mr Holcombe is literally true + But - Mr Holcombe undertakes to fasten the authorship of the paragraph about himself upon me by quoting similar expressions

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phrases from my despatch to Mr Young + Mr Balfour says his informant was a young gentleman in the English Consular Service at Tientsin and that Mr Young was this young gentleman's authority whatever similarity there is between the language of the article and my despatch must have resulted in the following way Mr Young was in Shanghai for a month after I received the information and we frequently talked over the case discussing the law as well as the facts upon which Mr Young thought he might be compelled to suspend Mr Holcombe In these discussions it is not at all unnatural that some of my language should be used by Mr Young. while some of his expressions were often used by me Mr Holcombes claims further, I understand, that as he could have sent forward the Cunas without Consular invoices. that therefore when he supplied fraudulent ones

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over his signature and the seal of the Deputation. the spirit of the law was complied with + such a deduction may do credit to Mr Holcombe's legal mind but to nobody elses + For herein is the loss to the fraud. If he had sent the goods unaccompanied by any documents then the Customs authorities would have appraised them and laid the duties accordingly. But seeing the seal and signature of the Hon Secretary of Deputation attached to papers purporting to be invoices, it is quite natural that they should be led into passing the goods at a low valuation put upon them by the agent + purchaser. The great stress Mr Holcombe lays on the amount he has defrauded the revenues of, shows only too clearly the obtuseness of his moral nature +
But that which renders further discussion on this point unnecessary, is the fact that the letter as well as the spirit of the law

Equity and common sense preclude the idea that the merchant who is the purchasing Agent and shipper of the goods - if not part owner - cannot make or supply his own invoices & I further understand that Mr Holcombe still bemoans the absence of a consular officer in Persia If such is the fact in order that he may be able to continue his lucrative trade in the curio line and at the same time preserve a regard for the laws of his government no time should be lost in supplying Persia with a consular officer. I understand that Mr Holcombe further claims that he has never received any profit or compensation for the Execution of friendly Commissions & I submit if this be true that he is the worst slandered man alive today - for his reputation in the East is that of a curio dealer for gain - that he never makes a purchase for any body without charging a commission of from 20 to 50 per cent

cent. That he has not only made a large amount of money out of the business but he has $30.000 worth of curios in his house now. The accumulation of purchases for friends and others. I can supply the Department with the names of persons who have publicly stated that they have been swindled in the U.S. Legation by Mr Holcombe in the purchase of Curios &c.

Mr Robinson of New York a dealer in curios complained to me that he had been rudely treated by Mr Holcombe because the latter said he had no right to come there to purchase curios for the New York Market thereby interfering with his business. I understand further that Mr Holcombe says that Mr Pethick of Dienstin furnished him with the information about the Chefoo slander. I have Mr Pethicks letter wherein he flatly denies Mr Holcombes statement &

Bent-

Mr Holcombe seems to be a handy, as well as a thrifty secretary. He manufactures slanders out of whole cloth. Drives pregnant and good bargains in the Curio line. Poses as a person devoid of religion, and occasionally ties his hand at diplomacy. Really I don't see how the government service in China could get on without him, and yet a change would not only be creditable, but hailed with unbounded joy by Everybody in the East. I am further informed that Mr Holcombe says that during my appointment as Consul General at Shanghai I used the newspapers at that port to publish my praises and adds "that this might be all right if I did not use them to belittle him because he is in my way. Poor deluded man. Why he is in no ones way except his own. Besides if he thinks the newspapers of Shanghai

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base Edifice by Englishmen and gentlemen, can be subsidised into publishing unmerited praise. why let him try it: and he will probably regret it the rest of his life + Mr. Holcombe showed the desperation of his side of this Controversy as well as the Coarseness of his nature when he stiped aside to buy into it. the names of distinguished gentlemen with whom fortune has favored him with an acquaintance - I shall not attempt to notice the abusive language which this former Reverend is reported to have indulged in. further than to say that if he has been correctly reported. he shows himself to be better fitted for the superintendency of a spice ring, than for either the pulpit or the diplomatic service to I was not permitted to see Mr Holcombe last his letters. in justice to myself I

I respectfully ask that this rep
be placed on file with the rest
papers in the case.

I am Sir your obedient ser

O. N. Denny

Late Consul General
United State at Shangh

1 Enclosure

(Cor)

N. C. Herald Office
Shanghai Dec 5th 1883.

My dear Mr. Denny

Referring to our conversation the other day about the charges brought against Mr. Chester Holcombe, and the allusion made to them in my paper. I have much pleasure in informing you that the paragraph in question was based upon intelligence I received during the few hours I spent at Tientsin last summer. I was tiffining with a friend - an Englishman - and he, of his own accord told me about the matter. When I asked him how it had become known to him, he replied that it was the talk of the place, and that his information upon the subject came from Mr. Russell Young who appeared to have discussed it pretty freely.

As regards the article I wrote on the appointment of Mr. Young as Minister to Peking (May 5th 1882) I can only say that you had nothing whatever to do with it. I wrote it under the strong opinion that you were entitled to the post and that you would make a better & more popular Minister than the gentleman

gentleman who had been appointed. So far, indeed, from your having insisted it — as you tell me you have been accused of doing — I remember your telling me that you were very glad of the choice that had been made, and I remember also thinking at the time what a remarkably disinterested spirit you evinced.

Believe me

Yours most sincerely

(Signed) Frederic H. Balfour

To.

O. N. Dwyer Esq

Consul General for the

United States and

Senior Consul

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No. 506 March 11th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chenhsu Yüeh Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Enclosure Health officer report for 1883.

No. 506

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 11th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a very interesting report of the Health officer of this port for the year 1883.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. W. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure

No. 1. Health report.

Sec. Gen

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Washington D.C.
March 13th 1884

Hon John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington City.

Sir

In response to your communication of yesterday I have to inform you that I left Shanghai for the United States on the 16th day of December last arriving in San Francisco on the 9th day of January last. The steamers sail every five days from San Francisco for Portland Oregon my home. and as the steamer left for the latter port on the morning of my arrival. I would have been necessarily detained there for five days. their added the length of time - three days - it usually takes to make the voyage will make thirty two days. I commenced my journey homeward. instead

of proceeding directly to my home
& came to this city - where I arrived
on the 2d day of January

I am Sir your obedient servant

O. H Denny

Dan Consul General for the United States
at Shanghai China

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No. 507 March 19th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In regard to the capture of Bacninh by the French.

No. 507

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 19th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform the Department that a telegram was received here on the 15th instant announcing the capture of Bacninh by the French forces in Tongking. It is reported that the Black flag evacuated the citadel and that the French loss in killed and wounded only amount to 70 men. Further particulars will no doubt reach here by mail shortly when I will again address the Department.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

F. S. Chrystal
Vice Consul General in charge.

No. 518 March 20th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Bluehm Vice Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Circular letter dated December 15th 1884.

No. 508

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 20th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

The instructions contained in your Circular letter dated December 15th 1883 in regard to Pilot Charts and all Notices to Mariners published by the Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department monthly, will be strictly complied with by this office.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

F. Bee Shepherd

Vice Consul General in charge

No. 519 March 20th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Bluskin Pick Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Circular letter dated December 17th 1883.

No. 509

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 30th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter dated December 17th 1883. in relation to debenture or landing certificates, and the instructions contained therein will be strictly carried out by this office.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

T.B. Layshije

Vice Consul General in charge.

No. 510 March 20th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of Circular letter dated January 4th 1884.

No. 510.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 30th 1884.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge Circular letter signed by the Honorable Secretary of State dated January 4th relating to telegraphic vouchers accompanying quarterly returns. The instructions therein contained will be strictly carried out in this Consulate General.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F.B. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

No. 511 March 22nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chushin Pia Consul General in Chge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of despatches numbered 192. 193 & 194 with one enclosure

No. 511.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 22nd 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches numbered 192. 193 and 194. with enclosure the last dated January 26th 1884.

I am Sir;
Your obedient servant
T. D. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in charge.

No. 512 March 28th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Bluehm Vicei Consul General in chge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges the receipt of despatch Nos 195 and 196.

No. 512

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 28th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches numbered 195 and 196 the last dated February 11th 1884.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
J. B. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in charge

Dispatch

No. 513 March 31st 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chunhsiu Wei Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In regard to the taking of Bacunin.

No. 513.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, March 31st 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

In my despatch numbered 507 I advised the Department of the taking of Bacninh by the French forces in Tonquin which news reached her by telegraph. I now have the honor to enclose a newspaper clipping which gives an account of the fall of Bacninh. From all accounts it would seem to have been an unexpectedly unimportant victory for the French. It is said that the population in and about Bacninh a week before its evacuation by the natives, numbered over thirty four thousand the majority of whom retreated further into the interior

on

on the approach of the French forces. +
Since the fall of Bacninh the French
forces have captured Thai nyun yan a
place a short distance from Bacninh
without even loss, while that of the
enemy was heavy. A telegram which
reached here a short time since from
London announces that the French
have claimed an indemnity from China
of not less than six million sterling.
The question will no doubt be settled
by diplomatic negotiations. I learn that
the stress of circumstances has induced
the Government of Peking to make
a very important concession in their
controversy with the French:— that is
the advisers of the Empress have waived
all questions of suzerainty over Annam
and now base their arguments upon
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the objections that exist to the approach of France to a position of what they consider dangerous proximity to the Chinese frontier. If it be really true that China has abandoned her claim to Lordship over the peninsular a great point has been gained and the negotiations will no doubt be confined to questions of boundary and the amount of indemnity to be paid and possibly other points of internal and international reform. which if insisted upon by France will no doubt be obtained.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

F. O. Ades Jervis

Vice Consul Consul in charge

Enclosure. Newspaper clippings

THE FRENCH MILITARY OPERATIONS IN TONQUIN.

FALL OF BACNINH; RETREAT OF THE CHINESE. ADVANCE OF FRENCH TROOPS ON THAI-NGU-YEN AND LANG-SON.

Bacninh, 15th March.

The long awaited *coup* has been struck, and Bacninh is in the hands of the French. But though the French soldier now occupies the house of the vanquished, and the French flag waves over the battlements of the citadel, no one is satisfied. The victory has been of the hollowest, the success the most empty. The well designed scheme for forcing the Chinese garrison to fight a decisive engagement, by closing their means of retreat, and thus striking a blow which should at once bring the Chinese Government to terms, has utterly failed, and the only result obtained is the removal of the theatre of operation to the North, nearer the frontier, further from the base. The plan of hemming in the Chinese troops was certainly not an easy one to carry out, but it is probable that it might have been,—at all events to a great extent,—achieved, had General Negrier been well supported by his naval colleagues in command of the flotilla.

The original design of dividing the Hanoi brigade into two columns appears to have been abandoned, and General Brière de L'Isle left Hanoi, accompanied by the Commander-in-chief, on the morning of the 8th inst. The whole of the troops comprising the 1st brigade were landed at a point a little below Hanoi and above Batang, and, after marching about nine miles, bivouacked for the night at a village called Noi-phut. It was intended that General Brière should have formed a junction with the left of General Negrier's brigade at Chi Marché, a village on the Canal des Rapides, about half way between the Red River and the Song-cau, on the 9th, but the roads were found to be so bad and impracticable that General Brière was unable to carry out the programme. The night of the 9th was passed at the village of Ngoa, close to the Haiduong road, the 10th at Bou-quoi, and it was not until the morning of the 11th that the column arrived at the banks of the canal, and then, not at Chi Marché but at Xam, a few miles above the appointed place of meeting. The march, thus far, had been almost entirely unopposed by the enemy.

General Negrier, in the meanwhile, left Haiduong on the morning of the 7th and arrived at the advanced post of the Seven Pagodas the same day. On the 8th he pushed forward, the left wing of his column following the course of the Canal des Rapides, while the right rested upon the Song-cau. Two of the light draft gunboats, the *Trombe* and the *Eclaire* ascended the canal with the left wing, but afterwards rejoined the flotilla on the Song-cau. The latter had succeeded in forcing the first barrier on the river near Yen-ding, and it was here that the first skirmish with the enemy took place. Earthworks were erected close by the river, with a few guns covering the approach, while the tops of some neighbouring hills were also entrenched and stockaded. The position was actually one of considerable defensive strength, but a very poor stand was made by the Chinese troops occupying the post. A few shells from the gunboats soon settled the lower fortifications, while the garrisons of the hill forts evacuated their post and escaped in the direction of Bacninh on the marine fusiliers advancing to storm the heights.

Owing to General Brière not arriving as expected, two days' delay in advancing then occurred. When, however, that General had crossed the Canal, on the 11th, General Negrier at once pushed forward towards Bacninh. The flotilla, which consisted of the *Pluvier*, *Lynx*, *Leopard*, *Aspic*, *Eclaire*, *Trombe* and *Carabine*, and several launches and junks with provisions, left Yen-ding early on the 12th but were forced to stop a little higher up the river, at Langhon, by another barricade of stones and sunken junks. The Commodore of the flotilla, Captain Morel Beaulieu, was provided with torpedoes and other appliances, besides having plenty of coolies to employ in the removal of the barrier; but as far as I could see no serious effort was made to force or remove the obstruction until the next day, when it became known that General Negrier had pushed forward and occupied Bacninh on the evening of the 12th. The whole plan of cutting off the retreat of the Chinese rested upon the rapid advance of the gunboats to Lai-cau, the nearest point on the river to Bacninh, where a bamboo bridge across the stream connects with the Thai-nguyen and Lang-son roads. The commandant of the flotilla failed to force the barrier, and thus when General Negrier arrived at Bacninh, after a little skirmishing with the enemy, who were posted on the fortified hills close to the town, he found the citadel evacuated by the garrison, the Chinese having crossed the bridge and retreated along the roads towards the northern frontier. A little opposition was met with at some of the outer fortified posts which surround Bacninh, and it was here that the French forces sustained the only losses of any consequence which were suffered during the operations, these amounting in all to five killed, of whom two were officers, and about sixty wounded, most of them very slightly. While occupying the town and citadel, on the evening of the 12th, General Negrier sent forward a strong detachment of marine fusiliers and tirailleurs to Lai-cau, but they were too late to cut off the retreat of the evacuating force, as the last straggling bands of the Chinese army were seen crossing the bridge over the Song-cau as the French troops advanced. The greater part of them had however left the citadel twenty-four hours before the arrival of General Negrier's force.

At about 11 a.m. on the 13th the advance guard of the 1st brigade, accompanied by Generals Millot and Brière de L'Isle entered Bacninh, and the troops comprising this division continued to pour into the town and citadel during the afternoon. The town of Bacninh consists for the most part of one or two long streets, all the houses of which, as well as the buildings in the citadel, were entirely deserted; quarters were therefore easily found, even for the large force which accompanied the three generals.

I had hoped to have entered Bacninh with General Negrier's staff, but the detention of the gunboats at the second barrier rendered this impossible, as *The Times* correspondent and myself were forced to get to the front by means of a native boat, accompanying the gunboats. On the 13th early, a portion of the barrier was broken down, and together with the small gunboat *Carabine* and the ambulance launch *Kiang nam* we succeeded, after considerable difficulty, in getting up to Lai-cau, whence we immediately marched on to Bacninh.

Lai-cau, the landing place for Bacninh, on the Song-cau, is only a small military station, and it was here that a number of the Chinese regulars were probably quartered. The road from here to Bacninh is

a fairly good one, and winds between three hills of some hundred feet in height which were well fortified and would have given considerable difficulty in storming had the Chinese stood their ground at all. The town is of very much the same character as the village of Lai-cau, not an Annamite town at all, but simply a collection of soldiers' quarters. Outside, to the south-east, a semicircle of small detached forts have been erected, evidently recently, and here again a stand might have been made by the Chinese, had any real defence been attempted. When we entered the town the streets were crowded with soldiers. General Brière's brigade was then on its way in, and extended in a long line far out into the plain, the balloon, which had been used during the march, for taking observations, floating in the air a couple of hundred feet above the heads of the the rear guard.

Near the entrance to the citadel we found the quarters of the Quang or chief military mandarin, and both here and in some of the neighbouring houses, we saw quantities of ammunition, Snider cartridges and explosive shells. Numbers of Chinese uniforms, light blue and dark blue with red letters and facings, were lying about in all directions. Very little damage had been sustained by the buildings, as the town and citadel had been occupied with little or no opposition. A few dead bodies of Chinese who had remained behind too long were to be seen both outside and inside the walls. These appeared to be, for the most part, either boys or old opium smokers. In all probability about forty or fifty Chinese were killed at the taking of the places. The three Generals took up their quarters in the citadel in the large buiding which goes by the name of the King's Pa oda.

With the exception of a few Annamite coolies and old women, no inhabitants were to be seen, through I was informed on good authority that there had been a few days before, not less than twenty-five thousand men in and around the place. Of these some ten or twelve thousand were Chinese regular troops, while the remainder were made up of Tonquinese and Chinese irregulars. I believe, however, that no Black Flags at all were among the garrison.

On the following day I saw three batteries of Krupp guns which were captured in the citadel. They were mounted for field service and were of about 2[illegible] inches calibre. They were quite new and in good condition, and looked as if a shot had never been fired from them.

On the 14th preparations were made for a forward move on the part of the troops, and at an early hour on the morning of the 15th General Negrier started from the other side of the river with a force of about three thousand men on the road to Langson, while General Brière de L'Isle, with another column of about the same strength, set out on a march to Thai-nguyen. I was informed by General Millot, who remained in charge of Bacninh, that it was intended to occupy Thai-nguyen at once, but that General Negrier would not probably, for the present at least, go on to Lang-son, which is some eighty miles from Bacninh, but was to make a reconnaissance in force to see if the retreating Chinese army would make a stand on the road to the frontier. The General expected that no opposition would be encountered this side the frontier.

General Negrier, who occupied Bacninh alone on the evening of the 12th, and who has throughout the operations done his share of the work well and promptly, was naturally much chagrined at the failure of the river flotilla to get up to Lai-cau in time, as the plan for cutting the Langson and Thai-nguyen roads and forcing the Chinese troops to fight was thus entirely frustrated. Judging from the appearance of the barrier and the means at the disposal of Commandant Morel Beaulieu I believe that if a vigorous attempt had been made on the first arrival of the gunboats the position might have been forced and some, if not all, of the vessels, pushed on to Lai-cau in time to turn the retreating army. But pluck and energy were scarcely to be expected from the officer commanding the flotilla, who has, on more than one occasion since last June, distinguished himself by an utter want of the qualities most necessary in a naval or military commander.

The question as to what will be done next, now that Bacninh is in the hands of the French, is one not easily answered. That Bacninh was garrisoned by a regular Chinese army, armed, equipped and paid by the Chinese Government, is now a matter proved without doubt, though it would appear probable that orders had been issued to the mandarin commanding to evacuate the post. A march across the frontier into the valley of the West River is spoken of as possible, but this would certainly require a large additional force. If China cannot be brought to terms it will be necessary to establish a line of military posts from Langson to Laokai and a harrassing border warfare would probably be waged for a year or two to come. It is intended to send an expedition up the Red River to the latter Black Flag post as soon as the rains will have rendered the upper waters navigable, which will probably be about July, and in the meantime, after Thai-nguyen and some strong position on the Langson road have been occupied, the French Government will probably send in a claim for indemnity for the cost of the expedition. Whether China will pay the bill or fight openly will then remain to be seen. Unless she can put better men into the field and better officers to command them than those encountered at Bacninh it would be wiser for her to pay up at once, as further and more costly operations would only bring up the total and would have to be paid in the end, either in territory or cash.—*China Mail Special Cor.*

By the steamer *Saltee*, which arrived here on 21st inst. from Haiphong, we have some few details of the fall of Bacninh, and a lengthy letter from our special correspondent at Hanoi written prior to that event, and which should have reached us earlier. His letter describing the fall of Bacninh has not yet come to hand, but from other sources we give the following particulars of the capture, or rather the evacuation, of Bacninh.

It seems that the attack was intended to be made by two divisions, the one under General Brière de L'Isle, and the other under General Negrier, which were to approach in different directions, but to join forces on the 9th; but owing to the wretched condition of the roads the former was unable to get up by that date, and some time was lost. Some earthworks outside were carried on the 8th inst., the garrisons of which escaped and fell back in the direction of Bacninh. Owing to the non-arrival of the division of General Brière de l'Isle it was not practicable to advance on Bacninh until the 11th, when General Negrier set his forces in motion. The flotilla of gunboats which were to join in the attack moved up the river on the 12th, but were stopped by barricades of sunken boats, &c. General Negrier, on arriving at Bacninh, after a skirmish at one of the outposts, entered the citadel without opposition and found it evacuated by

the garrison. The French lost about four men killed and about thirty wounded, most of their wounds being caused by spikes in the fortifications. Some forty or fifty Chinese were killed in the assault, and the only living occupants of the citadel appear to have been a few old men and native coolies. The batteries of Krupp guns captured are reported to be Chinese imitations. There seems no possible doubt that Bacninh was garrisoned by Chinese regulars, traces of their occupation being found in the shape of Chinese uniforms and other articles which were discovered in the citadel.—*Daily Press.*

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Mr Chilton
&
Mr Kiesshofer

Portland Oregon
April 3rd 1884

Ansd
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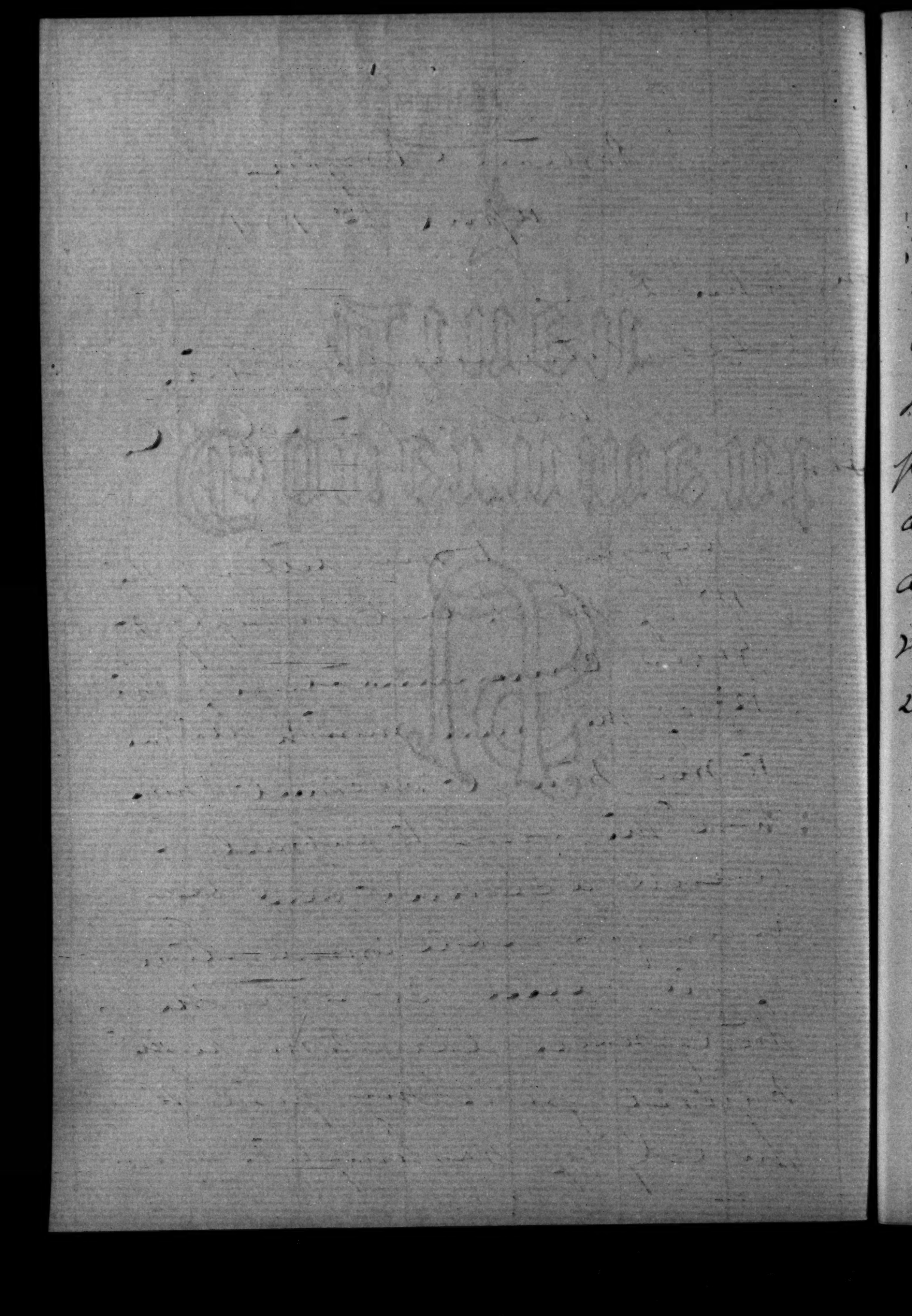
Hon John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington City D.C.

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 13th of March last in reply to your communication of the 12th of the same month relative to my Consul-account I now have the honor to submit a revised account and beg your favorable consideration of the same. It took me thirty seven days to make the transit from my post to the City of Washington where I



was detained some time on
the adjustment of my account
and then eight days additional
time in making the journey from
Washington to Portland Oregon my
place of residence making in
all forty four days. I send the
account as here rendered will
meet with the approval of the
Department

I am Sir
your obedient servant
D. N. Deming
late Consul General
at Shanghai China

1 Enclosure

Government of the United States to
Owen N. Denny late Consul Genl
of the United States at Shanghai Dr

For compensation for the period
named. Thirty seven days from
Dec 16th 1883 to Jan 21st 1884
both days inclusive. actually
and necessarily occupied in
making the transit between my
post of duty and Washington
City where I was detained on the
adjustment of my accounts.
and eight days additional
time actually and necessarily
occupied in making the transit
between the latter place to
Portland Oregon my place of
residence. in all forty four
days as per certificate hereto
annexed agreeably to Form No 107 #6152

Owen N. Denny
late U.S. Consul Genl

I hereby certify that I have been actually and necessarily occupied in making the transit between my post of duty and this place of my residence for four days having left Shanghai my post of duty on the 16th day of Dec 1883 and arrived at Portland Oregon on the 26th day of March 1884. I was detained in Washington city some days in the adjustment of my account.

Owen N Denny
late Consul United States Consul Gen
at Shanghai China

April 5th 1884

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Mr

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No. 514] April 11th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Shushin Yui Consul General in Chief to the State Department.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses Manifests Return for the 1st Quarter 1884.

No. 514

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, April 11th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith Marshals return for the Quarter ending March 31st 1884.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

T. B. Shuhrie
Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure
No 1 Marshals Return. File

[FORM

COURT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSU

Return of Criminal and Civil Suits from the First day of Januar

NO. OF CASE.	DATE OF FIRST PROCEEDINGS.	NAME AND NATIONALITY OF PLAINTIFF.	NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.
809	January 12th	Solomon Brothers	A. Goetz	Civil
810	" 24th	R. J. Jennings	B. N. Huntly	"
811	" 25th	Llewellyn & Co.	Danl Blanchard	"
		Defendants	Plaintiff	Criminal
1	January 21st	T. Hannigan	Municipal Police	Drunk & Incapable
2	Feb 4th	J. Simpson	"	"
3	" 9th	J. O. Gallagan	"	"
4	" "	S. Belden	"	"
5	March 3rd	J. Nelson	"	"
6	" 8th	J. Nelson	"	"
"	" "	A. Yeomans	"	"
7	" 25th	F. Finley	"	"
8	" "	W. Balfour	"	"
9	" "	Thomas Hennessy	United States	Assaulting Police Sgt.
"	" "	C. Rosenberg		M^c Donald by striking
"	" "			him on the head with
"	" "			a Policeman Baton
"	" "	J. O' Gallagan		Also Assaulting Constable
"	" "	C. F. Krahn		Plummer & Gallop &
"	" "			and rescuing two prisoners
"	" "			from police in the
"	" "			Prince of Wales Bar
"	" "			Room
10	" 26th	P. Buck		Drunk & Incapable
11	" 29th	O. B. Olsen		"
12	" "	M. Mahoney		"
13	" 31st	D. Hogan		Absent without leave
"	" "			& breaking a bucket &
"	" "			at police station

† Payment refused by U. S. S "Alert"

[Form No. 137.]

F THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI CHINA.

d Civil Suits from the First day of January to the Thirty first day of March 1884, inclusive.

NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	JUDGMENT.	AMOUNT OF FINE IMPOSED.	Amount of Fees Charged and Received.	DISPOSITION OF FINES AND FEES.						APPEAL.
					Marshal.	Clerk.	Court.	Associates & Witnesses.	Interpreter.	Total.	
A. Costa	Civil	Case dismissed		17 70	7.50	9.70				17.20	
B. N. Hunsty	"	"		7 10	7.50	4.60				7.10	
Dawi Blanchard	"	"		9 10	7.50	5.60				8.10	
Plaintiff	Criminal	Summary Court.									
Municipal Police	Drunk & Incapable	Returned to Ship		4	3.00	1.00				4.00	"Richmond
"	"	and costs.		4	3.00	1.00				4.00	"
"	"	"		4	3.00	1.00				4.00	"
"	"	"		4	3.00	1.00				4.00	"Juanita"
"	"	"	7.00	4	3.00	1.00				6.00	"B Duval"
"	"	"	4.00	4	3.00	1.00				8.00	"
"	"	Committed for Jail and returned to ship	1.00	7	7.00					8.00	"
"	"	Returned to Ships		4	3.00	1.00				4.00	"Enterprise"
"	"	"		4	3.00	1.00	+ Not paid			4.00	"Alert"
"	Assaulting Police Sgt. Mc Donald by striking him on the head with a Policeman Baton Also Assaulting Constable Plummer & Callis and rescuing two prisoners from police in the Prince of Wales Bar Row	That each pay a fine of 15.00 and costs divided among first three named O. F. Graba discharged not guilty " "	45.00	74 51	18.24	6.24				69.51	" " "

No. 5

Mr

Subject:

No. 515] April 11th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chuhsiu Pai Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Fordi Quarterly Returns for the
1st Quarter 1884.

No. 515

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, April 11th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts and returns for the Quarter ending March 31st 1884.

Trusting that they may be found in order.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

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No. 516 April 11th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Bluethine Rae Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS. Ack May 21/84

Encloses Rent & Miscellaneous expenses with vouchers for the 1st Quarter 1884.

No. 516

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, April 11th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Quarterly returns of rent and miscellaneous expenses with vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31st 1884.

Trusting they may found in order.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F D Chesbrough
Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosures
No 1. Rent & Miscellaneous expenses with vouchers Form 90.

No. 517] April 11th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Price Consul General, in charge to the State Department.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Informs of drawing draft. Form 90.

No. 517

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, April 11th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that I have drawn on the Honorable Secretary of State for five hundred and eighty one 45/100 ($581.45) dollars to balance account Form 9a Miscellaneous disbursements for Quarter ending March 31st 1884 for which I ask your protection.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

F W Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

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Chas. DeLong

Hiogo, Japan. May 10th. 1884.

Honorable

Frederick T. Frelinghuysen

Secretary of State

Washington, D. C.

Mr. Secretary:

Permit me to offer to you my very respectful and hearty thanks for the honor that has been conferred upon me in appointing me to the position of Consul General at Shanghai.

Pray be assured, Mr. Secretary, that I shall enter upon my duties at Shanghai, with the determination of proving myself worthy of the trust you have so kindly reposed in me.

I take the liberty of offering to you my kind wishes for your personal welfare and happiness

And am,

Mr. Secretary

Very gratefully

Your obedient servant

J. Stahel.

No. 1

Shanghai.

Kiogo, Japan.
May 10th 1884.

Recd June 21/84.

New & approved bond recd & sent to Treas. Jan. 29/85 – Being def. Oct 9th 1885 – the inform. for Shanghai dist. will be retained

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JUN 12 1884
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Honorable John Davis,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches No. 1 and 2, in which you inform me that the President has conferred upon me the position of Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai, China.

In accepting with thanks the appointment, I inclose in compliance with your instructions my oath of office and allegiance, and also my Consular bond duly executed. (returned to him Jan 29 '85)

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The

The form of the Consular bond with your despatch No. 1, being without a stated sum, I have made it equal to the amount of my annual compensation, as required by Section 1697 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—

I have further to state that I was born in Hungary, and was appointed to my present position from the State of New York, in which State I was naturalized on the 1st day of November, 1864. I have resided in Shanghai, China, where I was in charge of the Consulate-General of the United States for nine months in the year 1878.

According to instructions contained in your despatch No. 1 I am required to proceed to my post of duty within

thirty

thirty days from the date of my oath of office. I am ready to leave for Shanghai as soon as my Passport and letter of instructions to the officer in charge of the Consulate-General at Shanghai to transfer the records and archives to me arrive, and I am relieved of my duties here either by a new appointment to this Consulate, or by Mr. Seidmore who, although Vice Consul here, is attached and on duty at the Consulate General at Yokohama.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Hahl.

Know all men by these presents,

That we, Julius Stahel ——, principal, and John Frew Walsh and Thomas Walsh, sureties, the two last named being citizens of the United States residing at in Japan under the jurisdiction of the United States are held and firmly bound to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in the sum of Five thousand dollars, money of the said United States, to the payment whereof we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, our joint and several heirs, executors, and administrators.

Witness our hands and seals this tenth ~~eleventh~~ day of May, 1884.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That if the above-bounden Julius Stahel ——, appointed Consul General —— of the United States at Shanghai, China ——

——, shall truly and faithfully discharge the duties of his said office according to law, and shall truly and faithfully account for, pay over, and deliver up, all fees, moneys, goods, effects, books, records, papers, and other property which shall come to the hands of the said Julius Stahel ——, or to the hands of any person for his use as such Consul General ——, under any law now or hereafter enacted, and that he will truly and faithfully perform all other duties now or hereafter lawfully imposed upon him as such Consul General —— And these presents are subject to this other and further condition, that he, the said Julius Stahel ——, will not, while he holds the said office, be interested in or transact any business as a merchant, factor, broker, or other trader, or as a clerk or other agent for any such person, to, from, or within the port, place, or limits of his Consular district, directly or indirectly, either in his own name or in the name or through the

+ Consular & mercantile bonds approved by Secretary of State

agency of any other person; and in case he, the said Julius Stahel, shall violate the provisions of this condition, that then the above-named obligors shall be liable to said obligees to a penalty for the breach of such condition in a sum equal to the amount of the annual compensation of said Consulate General which is hereby stipulated, agreed upon, and admitted by way of liquidated damages; but that this condition shall not impair or prevent the right of the United States to prosecute said Julius Stahel for the recovery of said penalty against him, the said Julius Stahel, individually, the same as if this bond had not been given; and if the said Julius Stahel shall conform to all the above conditions, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

Eugene [illegible]

[illegible]

Julius Stahel

John Greer Walsh

Thomas Walsh

The following instructions must be particularly observed and complied with:

1st. The Christian names must be written in the body of the bond in full, and so signed to the bond.
2d. A seal to be attached to each signature.
3d. Each signature must be made in the presence of two persons, who must sign their names as witnesses.
4th. The United States attorney of the district in which the sureties reside, or the member of Congress for the District, or one of the Senators of the State from which he is appointed, must certify that they are sufficient to pay the penalty of the bond, and are citizens of the United States. This requirement being for the benefit of the Secretary of State, he may substitute any other for it in any particular case, in order to enable him to be satisfied of the sufficiency of the sureties.
5th. Bond to be dated.

United States Consulate General
Kanagawa - Japan

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with John Greer Walsh and Thomas Walsh the sureties to the foregoing bond, that they are citizens of the United States living under the United States jurisdiction in Japan and that they are sufficient to pay the penalty of the bond — Witness my

hand and Official Seal this 13th day of May
A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Four.

Thos. P. Hart Power
Consul General

...personally
...Walsh
...Citizens
...s juris-
...ent
...ers by

Form No. 3.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Received at Washington DC 215 am May 14

To Secretary of State
Washington

minister at present amoy ha
forwarded your telegram
Cheshire

Bond

W. T. Clair

No. 518] May 14th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai

Mr Chesleur Vice Consul General in chge to the State Department.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JUN 23 1884
RECEIVED

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledging despatch #197 and Circular letter dated February 20th 1884.

No. 518

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, May 14th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch numbered 197 of date April 2nd 1884, also Circular letter dated February 20th 1884. The stationary mentioned in your despatch No 197 has been duly received.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F S Crosby

Vice Consul General in charge

D St Clair.

No. 519] DEPARTMENT OF STATE. May 24 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

JUN 23 1884

RECEIVED.

Mr Bluethner Consul General. in chge to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In reference to a telegram received from the Secretary of State.

No. 519

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, May 14th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this morning of the following telegram dated Washington May 14th 1884.

"Who holds our Legation at Peking
"Late telegrams unanswered"

"Felinghuysen"

In answer to which I sent the following reply.

"Minister at present Peking have forwarded
"your telegram"

"Cheshire"

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant.

F S Cheshire
Vice Consul General in Chge

D'K Clair

No. 520 May 19th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chesbrough Vice-Consul General in chge to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE. JUN 23 1884 RECEIVED.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Approved and June 26/84.

Approves of Consulate at Tientsin being temporarily placed in charge of H. B. M. Consul at that port.

No. 520

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, May 19th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Referring to Mr. Pitcher's despatch No 88 of date May 15th I have the honor to state that I have approved of the Consulate at Tientsin being placed temporarily in charge of H.B.M Consul Mr. Arthur Davenport, until other arrangements can be made, which action I have reported to Mr. Young and trust it will meet with the approval of the Department.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F S Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge

Dft Clair

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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No. 521] May 20 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General, in charge to the State Department.

Subject: Withdrawal of Consular Agencies

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In reference Consular Agencies at Kiang-chow Pakhoi, suggests that they be not discontinued.

No. 521.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, May 20th 1884.

Hon. John Davis,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Referring to Mr. Consul Seymours despatch No. 119 wherein he recommends the discontinuance of the Consular Agencies at Kung Chow & Hoihow and Pakhoi; owing to there being little or no American interest at these ports. I would beg to suggest that these offices be not abolished. Though their importance are perhaps of little moment so far as our actual interests are concerned, yet a great commercial country like the United States, in my opinion should be represented at all the treaty ports in China. I believe I am right in stating that there has been cases at the

the above named ports requiring the assistance of a U.S. Consular officer on the spot, and others might arise at any time.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

T.D. Bulkeley

Vice Consul General in charge

No. 522] May 20th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Sheridan Vai Consul General. in chge to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses newspaper clipping France—
Chinese Preliminary Convention.

No. 522

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, May 20th 1884.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform the Department that the France-Chinese difficulty has at last been adjusted; a preliminary convention was agreed to and signed by His Excellency Li Hung Chang and Captain Fournier of the French Navy on the 12th instant. Tonquin no longer exists as far as China is concerned; no indemnity is demanded by the French and trade is to be permitted on the frontier. I enclose translation (newspaper clipping) of the Preliminary Convention.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

Your obedient servant

F. D. Sleeckie

Vice Consul General in charge

Enclosure

No. 1. Newspaper clipping.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

PRELIMINARY CONVENTION.

FULL TEXT.

(BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM PEKING.)

At the present moment, there being much trouble in the minds of men and great confusion in affairs, His Majesty the Emperor of China and the French Republic, wishing their two nations to live in amity, and desiring to secure perpetual peace, now proceed to conclude a Preliminary Treaty, which shall serve as the basis of an elaborate Treaty hereafter to be agreed upon.

The Chinese Plenipotentiary Li and the French Plenipotentiary Fournier, having communicated to each other their respective full powers and found them to be in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles :—

1.—Whatever contingencies may arise, also in the case of attempts at encroachment by other nations, France agrees to secure and protect the Southern frontier of China which is contiguous to Northern Annam.

2.—There being no fear, after the convincing proofs given by France, of that country's making encroachments or causing disturbances, China agrees at once to recall within her own frontier all her troops now stationed in Northern Annam ; also, not to concern herself with any existing or future treaties between France and Annam.

3.—In gratitude for China's wish to arrange matters, and out of respect for the earnest desire shown by Li for the general welfare, France is willing not to demand any indemnity from China. At the same time China promises that, on her frontier which touches Northern Annam, she will allow French and Annamite and likewise Chinese goods to come and go and be disposed of freely. She also agrees that when she sends an envoy to conclude the detailed Treaty, he shall also arrange a tariff, which shall be exceedingly liberal, and which will thus be of great advantage to French and Annamite trade.

4.—France agrees that, in future, in making or altering any treaty with Annam, she will in no case insert expressions derogatory to the prestige or dignity of China, and she will annul all her existing treaties with Annam which injuriously affect Tonquin.

5.—This Treaty having been signed by both parties, the two nations will appoint Plenipotentiaries, who after three months will meet and conclude a Treaty comprising in detail all the points now agreed upon.

The above Preliminary Treaty shall be written in duplicate in Chinese and French, and be signed and sealed at Tientsin, each party retaining as evidence a copy of each version. According to international custom, the French version will be held correct.

No. 523. June 12th 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Shushie Yui Consul General. in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JUL 17 1884
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of despatch No 198.

No. 523.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, June 12th 1884.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch numbered 198 of date April 23rd 1884.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

J. B. Cheshire

Vice Consul General

in charge

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Mr Seaulan

Dft Clair

No. 524 June 14th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Christine Nixi. Consul General. michael to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Circular letter dated February 20th 1884.

Copied November, 1884.

No. 524.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, June 14th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

As a response to the Department's Circular of date the 30th of February last relating to agricultural machinery, I have the honor to submit a few general observations.

As an eminent writer has stated the Chinese are rather gardeners than farmers, not only in the small size of their grounds, but in their ignorance of those operations whereby soils naturally unfruitful are made fertile: those which produce a small variety of plants made to bring forth a greater variety.

The Chinese system of agriculture is of

of the most primitive nature. The agri-
-cultural utensils used by this people
are few and simple and are probably
now made similar to those used centu-
-ries ago. They make up however for the
disadvantages of poor implements by hard
work, repeatedly turning over the soil
and sustaining its productiveness by
constant manuring. — Labor is cheap
and in great abundance and the
Chinese farmer appears to be perfectly
contented and satisfied with the
primitive style of his agricultural im-
-plements which consist of the following:
The hoad hoe, a less efficient tool
than the American spade, is used
more than any other. the edge of the
large wooden blade is guarded with
iron and the weight adds impetus
to

to the blow.

Spades, shovels and mattocks are employed in kitchen gardening and the plough and harrow in the cultivation of cereals. The plough is made of wood, except the iron edged share which lies so flat that it cannot penetrate the soil more than five inches. The whole implement is so simple and rude that one would think the inventor of it was a laborer, who, tired of the toil of spading, called the ox, mule ass or horse to his aid and tied his shovel to a rail; fastening the animal at one end and guiding the other, he was so pleased with the relief that he never thought of improving it. The harrow is a heavy stick armed with a

angle

single row of stout wooden teeth, and furnished with a frame-work to guide it; or a triangular machine with row of teeth on which the drawer rides.

So long as the Chinese adhere to the present primitive mode of agriculture - and I am of the opinion they will continue to do so in view of the enormous laboring population in this country, and the cheapness of labor there is very little encouragement of her offering a market to our manufactures for husbandman implements.

The Chinese farmer unlike the majority of the better class are very conservative and are firm adherents to what is commonly termed by the Chinese "do custom".

With

With the exception of a limited supply of lawn mowers and garden utensils, such as spades, shovels, rakes and hoes, which are entirely used by foreign residents, and a horse hay cutter or mower, recently imported by an American firm. I know of no other kinds of agricultural implements imported from America or other foreign countries and used within this Consular District.

I am Sir;

Your obedient servant

F S Chyshire

Vice Consul General in charge

No. 525 June 27th 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Pierce Consul General in charge to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of despatches Nos 199 and 200.

No. 525

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, June 27th 1884.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches numbered 199 and 200. the last dated May 12th 1884.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant.
T. E. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in chge.

St Clair

No. 526 July 1st 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chenhsi Yue Consul General. in chge. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Informs the Department that no time will be lost in reporting to the Legation as first Secretary & Chinese Interpreter.

No. 526

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 1st 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to apprise the Department that I have received an official communication from the United States Minister informing me that the Honorable Secretary of State has transferred me to Peking to act temporarily as first Secretary of Legation and Chinese Interpreter and instructing me to report to the Legation for duty as soon as the public interest will permit.

I beg to inform the Department that I will lose no time in reporting to the Legation in accordance with Mr. Young's instruction as.

as soon as I have been relieved by
General Stahel my successor.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. D. Cox

Brig. Genl. Commd'g in chief

No. 537 July 2nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Chesluin Vee Consul General in charge. to the State Department.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Enclosure Marshal's Return. 2nd Quarter 1884.

No. 527

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 2nd 1884.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Marshals return for the Quarter ending June 30th 1884.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. D. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in chge

Enclosure
No 1. Marshals return.

[FORM

COURT OF THE UNITED STATES CONS

Return of Summial Suits from the First day of April

OF CASE.	DATE OF FIRST PROCEEDINGS.	NAME AND NATIONALITY OF PLAINTIFF.	NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT. Charge.	
1	April 30th	James McGuire	M. Police.	Drunk & Incapable	
2	May 1st	"	"	and leaving ship	Dr
3.	" 3rd		"	without leave	return
4.	" 12th	M. McCafferty	"	Drunk & Incapable	[illegible]
5.	" 30th	John J. Shea	"	Assault & Battery	To
"	"	"	"	"	com
"	"	"	"	"	of
"	"	"	"	"	Steal
"	"		"		leave
6	June 2nd	Thos White	"	Drunk & Disorderly & breaking	
				desk at Police Station.	
7	" 3rd	Chas Amadon	"	Arrested by police on	Fr
"	" "	and	"	reward. Assaulting	for
"	" "	F. Kruenzi	"	police while in execution	Sch
"	" "	"	"	of their duty and	reac
"	" "		"	damaging 5s worth	in
"	" "		"	F clothing	comm
8	" 13th	Benjamin Watson	"	Drunk and creating	
"	" "	and	"	a disturbance in	Q
"	" "	John Johnson	"	settlement	
9	" 16th	J. H. Gumpp	"	Assault & Battery	
51	April 15th	United States	Nellie Johnson	Unlawfully breaking	To
"	" "	"	"	into house No 152	of N
"	" "	"	"	Chapter Road	be g
"	" "	"	"	"	the
"	" "	"	"	"	for a
"	" "	"	"	"	day

[Form No. 137.]

ED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI CHINA.

e First day of April to the Thirtieth day of June 1884, inclusive.

NATURE OF SUIT.	JUDGMENT.	AMOUNT OF FINE IMPOSED.	Amount of Fees Charged and Received.	DISPOSITION OF FINES AND FEES.						APPEAL.
Charge.				Marshal.	Clerk.	Court.	Associates & Witnesses.	Interpreter.	Total.	
Drunk & Incapable	Returned to Ship.		$ 4	$ 3.	$ 1.				$ 4.	"Nancy Pendleton"
and leaving ship	Committed and		4	3.	1				4.	"
without Leave	returned to Ship on		5	4	1				5.	
Drunk & Incapable	sailing Returned to Ship		4	3	1				4.	"Alert"
Assault & Battery	To be handed									
"	over to Commander									
"	of his ship to be									
"	dealt with as ship									
	leaves in the morning	$ 10.	4	3	1				5.	"Enterprise"
Drunk & Disorderly & breaking	Fined	$ 10							1.	"Alert"
clock at Police Station.										
Arrested by police on	Fined $2. each									
reward. Assaulting	for damage of					$ 20				
police while in execution	clothing & $2.	$ 10.	20.	Reward					$ 30.	
of their duty and	each for assault									
damaging $5. worth	in default to be									
of clothing.	committed to Jail.									"Alert"
Drunk and creating										
a disturbance in	Dismissed		4	3	1				$ 4.	"Belle of Bath"
settlement										
Assault & Battery	"		4	3	1				$ 4.	"Juniata"
Unlawfully breaking	To pay a fine									
into house No. 53	of $15.00 & costs or									
Chapoo Road	be committed to	$ 15.	$ 50	1.	1.				$ 17.50	
"	the Consular Jail									
"	for a period of seven									
"	days.									
		$ 27.	$ 51.50	$ 43	$ 8.50				$ 78.50	

G Thufeldt

Marshal of the U.S. Consular Court.

Shanghai

No. 528 July 2nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Charles Denby Consul General. in charge. to the State Department.

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Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Enclosed Quarterly Returns 2nd Quarter 1884.

No. 528

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 2nd 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts and returns for the Quarter ending June 30th 1884.

Trusting that they may be found in order.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

T S Sheahyis

Vice Consul General in chge.

Enclosures

No 1. Aggregate of fees for the year ending June 30th 1884. Bills Found 105.

" 2. Arrivals and departures of American vessels " 130. Sheet

" 3 Digest of Service Work " 117. do

No 4. Return of deceased American citizens Form F 12.

" 5. Record of Notarial services " " 159

No. 529 July 2nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Theodore Vicci Consul General in Chg. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Enclosed Miscellaneous & Rent expenses for Second Quarter 1884.

No. 529

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 2nd 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Quarterly return of miscellaneous expenses with vouchers for the Quarter ending June 30th 1884.

Trusting it will be found in order

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

F. W. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in Charge

Enclosure

No. Miscellaneous expenses with vouchers.

No. 530 July 2nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Robert Pai Consul General. in charge. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses Semi-annual return of Estates.

No. 530

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, June 30th 1884.

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Semi-annual return showing the position of the Estates of Wm Sault and Vina Lyle on the 30th of June 1884.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. D. Cheshire

Vice Consul General in charge.

Enclosures.

No 1, Estate of Wm Sault

" 2, " " Vina Lyle

Estate of W

Dr.

83.				
	7th	Docket Case	1	
	"	For Filing Certificate of Death		10
	"	" Summoning and charge of Effects and filing same	5	10
	8th	" Order to sell Effects & filing	2	10
	9th	" Traveling expenses	1	
	11th	" Advertising	6	83
	19th	" Crier & Bug	3	10
	7th	" Ford Charge	2	10
	15th	" Wash & Wiedenhausen	18	
	29th	" Gib Wah	24	
	14th	" Fong Tah & Co	9	35
	17th	" " Pks 10 @ 73.	13	60.

Costs not yet paid.

T. Police Dem Store.
" Yau Fong
" G. Woodford

Estate of Wm. Park

					1883.				
					May 7th	By	Cash		3 55
					" 9th	"	Overpaid on Order		
					" "		from Municipal Council Tls 10.		13 60
					" 18th	"	Sale of Effects Tls 38.50.		38 77
					June 5th	"	Cash balance of wages Tls 7.50		10 23
					" "	"	Shanghai Works do.		5 —
					" "	"	Pension		5 —
					" 7th	"	Special duty		2
					" 18th	"	One chair out Masonic Club		10
	1								
		10							
	5	10							
	7	10							
	1								
	6	83							
	3	10							
	2	10							
	18								
	24								
	9	35							
	13	60.							

E & O E

Shanghai June 30th 1884

F D Sassoon

Vice Consul General

Estate of Park

Enclosure No 1.

Estate of

			£	s	d
		Dr.			
1863.					
July 28th	To	Filing notice of death.			10
"	"	Medical Chas		1	
" 9th	"	Inventory of Effects		5	
"	"	Filing Inventory of Effects.			10
"	"	Order to sell effects		2	
"	"	Costs incurring Effects		2	70
" 14th	"	A Surrogate (Journal explained).		82	50.

Vera Sale

Dr.

1883.				
Aug 20th	By Sale of Effects		113	39
Nov 16th	" Cash		15	75.

E & O E

Shanghai June 30th 1884

F D Sassoon

Vice Consul General

531 July 2nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Chas. Wm. Pierce Consul General. Michigan. to the State Department.

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ject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Informs of drawing draft. Form 90.

No. 531

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 2nd 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have drawn on the Honorable Secretary of State for five hundred and six 79/100 ($506.79) dollars to balance account Form 90 Miscellaneous disbursements for Quarter ending June 30th 1884 for which I ask your protection.

I am, Sir:

Your obedient servant

F D Chevalier

Vice Consul General in chge.

No. 537 July 12th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Charles Nicé Consul General in charge. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of dis. Nos 201 & 202 also Circular letters dated May 3rd & 18/84.

No. 537

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 12th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches numbered 201, and 202 the last dated May 24th 1884. also Circulars letters dated May 3rd and 18th. 1884.

I am Sir;
Your obedient servant
F.S. Cheshire
Vice Consul General in Charge.

Compare Dispt.

No. 533 July 14th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Sir Charles Vice Consul General in charge. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Comparison unfavorable as article are dutiable if sent by different route called by

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Hands on charge of Consulate General to General Stahel and encloses inventory of Government property

No. 533.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 14th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform the Department that I have this day handed over charge of this office to General Julius Stahel.

I enclose Inventory of Government property in this office, as required by Consular Regulations, duly signed by General Stahel and myself.

I am, Sir:

Your obedient servant

P S Peirce

Vice Consul General in charge.

Enclosure. Inventory of Government property.

Consulate General of the United States at
Shanghai China July 13th 1884.

We certify on this the 13th day of
July the services of F. D. Cheshire
ceased and he is entitled to his Salary
and fees including said day, and that
the services of General Julius Stahel commenced
the day following he having received the
Archives, a full and complete inventory
of which is hereto annexed, as required by
the Consular Regulations Article IX

J. Stahel
Consul General.

F D Cheshire
Vice Consul General

General Office.

1 Large Safe for Ships Papers, books &c.
12 Record books.
1 Fire proof safe. (German Make)
1 Desk Pigeon holes and drawers.
1 Small desk and Counter.
2 Chinese tables,
1 Revolving Chair,
1 Stand up desk.
1 High Chair.
1 American cane seat Chair,
2 Gas burners.
1 " fit for sealing.
1 Counter.
1 Lot of forms and Stationery
1 Coal scuttle.
1 Letter Press and Stand,
1 Wax seal "United States Consulate General &c,"
1 Dry " " " " " "
1 Date stamps.
1 Call bells,
4 Ink stands,
1 Drop light.
1 Stand 3 ink bottles.

Comptroladore's Room.

10 Record Books.
1 Clock.
1 Desk with drawers.
1 Chinese table with drawers.
1 Picture "George Washington."
1 Gas Pendent.
1 " fit for sealing.

Waiting Room.

2 Tables.
1 Small Fancy book case (drawers)
1 Farm Cases.
1 Gas Pendent.

Post Office.

2 Tables.
7 Sorting Cases.
17 Stamps
1 Large iron safe.
2 Mail boxes for drop letters.
1 Gas Pendent.
4 " brackets.

3 Scales.

Court Room.

1 Platform of Judge & Associates, (Carpeted)
1 Long table on same,
1 Desk (Clerk of Court,)
1 " (Interpreter.)
1 Witness stand,
1 Prisoners dock.
1 Table (for reporters,)
1 " (" lawyers.)
1 Map of Asia.
17 American cane seat chairs (ordinary)
3 " " " " (high backs.
1 Bible,
1 Gas pendent,
1 " bracket,
6 Ink stands.
1 Pair Curtains and Cornices,

Consular Clerk's Room.

1 Desk with drawers,
1 Chair,

1 Pigeon hole Case.
2 Pendent gas lights.
1 Veneered desk. drawers. and Pigeon holes.

Clerk of the Courts room.

1 Walnut desk (drawers.)
1 Revolving Chair.
2 Stand up desks. (Pigeon holes)
3 Chairs
1 Case for books and papers (5 Compartements.)
1 Letter Press and stand.
1 Eyelet Machine.
3 Paper files.
1 Fire proof safe.
1 Statistical Atlas.
3 Vols 9th Census.
Lot of forms, blanks and stationery.
1 Ink Stand.
1 Damping pot and brush.
1 Department despatch book (Hon Myers time)
1 " " " (Messrs. Wells & Stabb's) now in use.
1 Probate docket & 1 Probate Minute book.
1 Criminal " " 1 Criminal " "
1 Civil " " 1 Civil " "

1 Register of Marriges

1 " " Deaths.

1 " " Births.

1 " " Citizens.

5 Old Record Books.

2 Old dockets.

4 Books record deeds Mortgages &c.

2 Old books record of Court fees.

1 New book.

5 Press Copy books.

2 Ballot boxes for Associates.

2 Old probate ledgers.

2 Chit books.

1 Picture Centennial Building

2 Court seals.

1 Dry Seal (U.S. C. G. &c)

Lot of old broken seals.

1 Gas pendent.

1 " bracket.

1 Book forms 118.

1 " " 119.

Upper Hall.

1 Hat rack.

2 Door Mats.
1 Court Calendar.
1 Gas Pendant.
12 Signs to rooms (Consul General, Court &c)
2 Maps.

Interpreters Rooms.

1 Iron safe.
1 Desk with drawers.
1 Revolving Chair.
5 Maps (China & Foreign Settlements Shanghai,
1 Cane seat Chair.
4 Chinese Chairs,
2 Tea pots.
1 Chinese table,
6 Deed books and Corresponding deeds.
2 Books (Official records Chinese letters rec'd & sent } in use.
2 " Miscellaneous " " " " "
1 Passport book.
1 Mixed Court docket, old.
1 " " " New.
3/4 Vols Chinese Correspondence. (old)
1 Letter Press and Stand, pot and brush.
1 Pooling (Chinese land Measure.)

2 Chit books in use.
1 Set shelves for books.
2 Seals (Chinese)
1 Case for writing paper, envelopes, &c.
1 Paper basket.
1 Gas pendent.

Archive Room.

Sundry Court archives consisting of papers in suits estates &c. &c. &c.

Lower Hall.

1 Bulletin board.
1 Coat of arms.
2 Gas pendents.
3 Mats.
2 Wooden benches

Consul Generals Room.

3 High back Cane seat Chairs.
2 Morroco Covered easy Chairs.
1 Revolving Chair.

1 Tea Tray.
1 Mahogney desk and drawers.
1 Table (Green Cloth Cover.)
1 Gas. Pendent.
1 " fit for sealing.
3 Cases for books and records. (6 Compartments each)
1 Stationery Case with drawers.
2 Sets Shelves for books.
1 Paper basket.
2 Pictures Centennial buildings
1 " (Hayes and Wheeler.)
1 Dry seal (U.S. & G. &c)
1 Date Stamp.
1 Double bronze ink Stand.
1 Despatch basket.
1 Case for papers, envelopes &c.
1 Date tablet.

Books.

Lot of old pamphlets, Customs returns &c.
23 Howards Reports.
2 Blacks "
1 U.S. Revised Laws.
1 Elliots American Diplomatic Code.

Books. Continued

1 Revised Statutes 1873—5.
1 " " 1878.
11 Wallaces Reports.
1 California Code.
2 Civil Code of California.
2 Political " " "
2 Civil Procedure " "
1 Penal Code " "
1 Deady's Reports.
1 U.S. Reports. (Sawyers)
2 Chitty's Blackstone.
9 Opinions of Attorney General.
14 Encyclopedia Americana.
1 British Merchant Shipping act.
1 Treaties, decrees and regulations.
3 U.S Court regulations.
1 Treaties between China and Foreign Powers.
1 Chitty on Contracts.
80 Vols. Correspondence (recd)
5 " Forms 118 and 119 (old.)
24 " Correspondence (sent)
1 " 8th " Census. U.S.
1 " 9th " " "
4 " Patent Office Reports.
Lot of unbound Statutes at Large.

Books Continued

3 U.S. Consular Manual 1868.
1 " " " 1863.
2 Charts VIII Coast of China.
1 Chart Harbor of Shanghai.
4 Vols. Kents Commentaries.
1 " Benedicts Admiralty.
1 " Customs Regulations 1874.
1 " Treaties & Conventions between U.S. & other Powers.
1 " Missouri forms book.
1 " Law report Crown Cases.
1 " Labor in Europe.
1 " Digest Opinions Atty General
1 " Bankrupt Law, James.
1 " Paleys Law of Principal and Agent.
1 " China 1853. to 1857.
1 " French and English Dictionary.
2 " Websters Dictionary.
1 " Law Book Pacific Coast.
1 " Westletts Insurance.
1 " Laws U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.
1 " New Clerks assistant.
1 " Law of Shipping.
1 " Goulds Pleading.
1 " Abbott on Shipping.
3 " Story on the Constitution.

Books Continued.

2 Vols. Story on Contracts.
3 " Greenleaf on Evidence.
2 " Bishops Criminal Law.
1 Pamphlet Rules Practice U.S. Circuit Ct, Calif'a
2 Vols. Parsons on Contracts.
1 " Conkling Treaties.
1 " Hoyts Digest.
2 " Brightleys Digest.
1 " " Federal Digest.
2 " Forms and use of blanks.
2 " Bouviers Law Dictionary.
1 " Prize Cases New York.
1 " Commercial Digest.
2 " Parsons Maritime Law.
1 " Story on Agency.
1 " Jacobsen Sea Laws.
2 " Storys Equity Jurisprudence.
1 " China and Compulsory Enlistment.
1/2 " Annals of Congress.
1 " Rights & Duties of Merchant Seamen.
2 " Budget and News Letter.
4 " Celestial Empire.
6 " Supreme Court and Consular Gazette.
26 " North China Herald.
37 " Commercial Reports.

Books Continued

12

13 Vols. Foreign Relations,
139 " Diplomatic Correspondence,
1 " Marryats Signal Code,
2 " Consular Regulations 1874.
1 " " " 1870.
11 " " " 1881.
5 " Treaty of Washington,
1 " Andrews Colonial and Lake Trade,
2 " Postal Laws,
3 " Mineral Resources,
1 " U.S. Import Duties,
1 " Condensed Report Cases U.S. Supreme Court,
1 " Mineral Productions,
6 " U.S. Official Register,
2 " Report Post Master General,
5 " Bound Register of Dept of State,
1 " De holms on the Constitution,
5 " Presidents Message,
5 " Finance Report,
1 " Signal Office Report,
1 " Report Commissioner of Land Office,
1 " National Almanac,
1 Lot of sundry unbound pamphlets,
1 Message Gov. Andrews,
1 Vol. Report Municipal Council,

Books Continued

2 Vols. Report Chief Bureau of Statistics.
1 " Chinese Review.
1 " Shanghai Almanac & Miscellany
1 " Monuments de Paris.
1 " National Education Society.
18 " Statutes at Large (Shanghai)
2 " U.S. Navy Register.
1 " Report Lighthouse Board.
3 " " Secy of War.
1 " " " " Navy.
5 " " Post Master General.
1 " Assassination A. Lincoln.
1 " Trial of J.B. Surrat.
3 " U.S. Tariff.
2 Chit Books.
1 " Import Duties.
2 " Morgans Tariff.
1 " Government Salary tables.
1 " Hongkong Directory.
1 " San Francisco Directory.
16 Vols. Statutes at Large (Toochow.)
1 Dictionary Websters unabridged.
1 Tea Culture.
16 Vols Correspondence received from State Department, Treasury, Consulates &c 1880 & 1881.

Books Continued.

2 Vols. Official Register of United States.
1 " Bancrofts Forms.
1 " Hamersleys Naval Encyclopedia.
1 Clock.
1 Mahogney Book Case.
54 Vols. American Decisions
1 " Index " "
1 " Digest " "
4 " Johnsons Chancery Reports.
22 " Decisions of the Supreme Court, U.S. Courts.
4 " Watts Actions and Defenses
1 " Index " " " "
1 " Bancrofts Forms.
1 " Adams Equity.
4 " Decision Supreme Court.

Jail.

Jail Cook House.

1 Small cooking stove (very old.)
1 Meat safe
3 Small tables.
3 Old Scales. (useless)
Lot of Cooking utensils (old.)
1 Axe.
1 Hatchet.
2 Wooden baskets.
9 Tin pans 9 tin plates 9 tin spoons.

Jail Yard.

2 Water Kegs.
1 " Kettle.

Outer Hall.

1 Hanging lamp.
3 Mats.
1 Back board (Coat of Arms.)

Inner Hall.

2 Reading tables.
2 Wooden forms.
1 Stove and Piping (very old)
1 Book case, glass doors. (about 50 books)

No 1 Cell.

1 Bedstead.
1 Bed.
2 Blankets.

No 2 Cell.

12 Old blankets.
8 Japanese Mats.

No 3 Cell.

1 Bedstead.

No. 4 Cell.

1 Bedstead.

No 5 Cell.

1 Bedstead.

No 6 Cell.

1 Bedstead.

Jail Store Room.

2 Canisters for tea and Coffee.
6 Ticks 5 not filled.
3 Single blocks.
1 Snatch block.
1 Double block.
1 Watering Pot.
1 Beam Scale.
5 Ensigns.
1 Pennant.
8 Fathoms New rope.
1 Paint brush.
1 Mail flag.
2 Ensigns (New)

Jail Bath Room.

1 Washing table and stand.
1 Wooden form.

Upper Hall.

1 Door Mat,
1 Roll Matting,
1 Clock.
11 Hand irons,
1 Pair Shackels.
3 Leg irons,
Lot of Keys for Cells with duplicates.

No 7. Cell.

1 Bedstead,
1 Arm Chair,

No 8 Cell.

1 Bedstead,

No 9 Cell.

1 Bedstead,

No 10 Cell.

2 Arm Chairs.

Jail Corridore.

1 Writing table,
1 Chair,
1 Stove and Jepering,
1 do Pipe,

Stores.

3 Stores belonging to office,
1 Worn out Gas burner,

Chairs (Sedan)

1 Sedan Official Chair for Consul General
1 do do " Interpreter.

United States Consulate General,
Shanghai July 4th 1884.

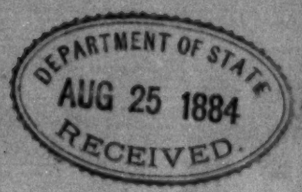
J. Hahel
U.S. Consul General

Per Chenkui
Vice Consul General

No. 1. July 14th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stabel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—



ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Assumes charge.

No. 1.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 14th 1884.

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform the Department that I arrived here in the afternoon of the 12th and have to day assumed charge of this office.

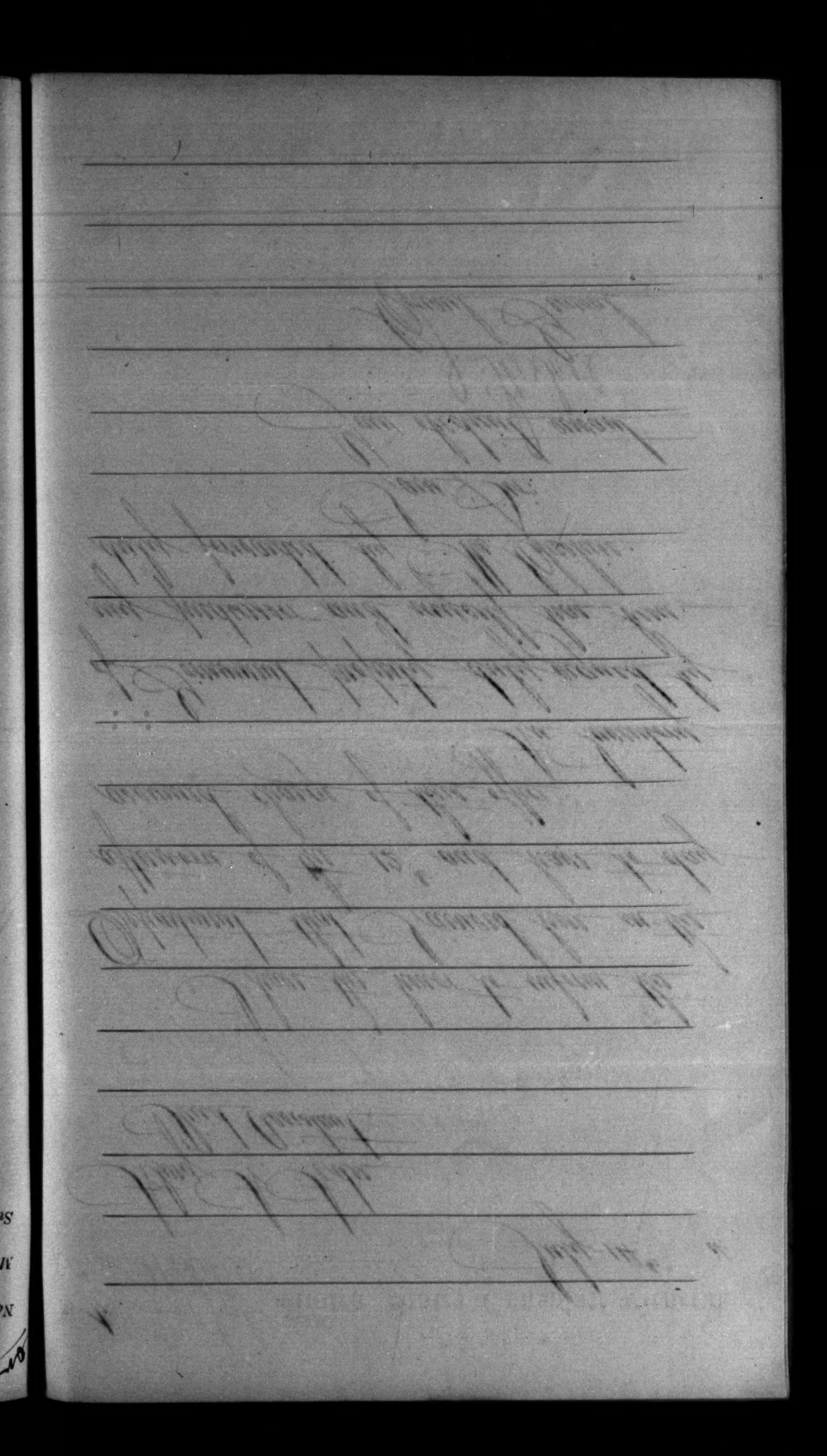
An Inventory of Government property duly signed by my predecessor and myself has been duly forwarded by Mr. Cheshire.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hahel

Consul General



No. 3 July 22nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stabel Consul General. to the State Department.

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Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Encloses Consul Smithers' cert vouchers
2nd quarter 1884.

No. 21

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 22nd 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Consul Smithers sent voucher for the quarter ending June 30th 1884. which was received by me yesterday with the request to attach the same to his Rent and Miscellaneous expense account.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J. Stabel

Consul General

Enclosure

No 1. Consul Smithers sent voucher

No. 3 July 24th 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stanley Consul General to the State Department.

Subject:—

Asked for Oct 2/84

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Requests certain copies of the Consular reports. Sent.

No. 3

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 24th 1884.

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be supplied with two copies of numbers 2. 5. 10. 23. 24½. 25. 25½. 26. 26½. 29. 33 and 34 of the Consular reports for the use of this Consulate.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

J. Hahn

Consul General

No. 4 July 24th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stahl Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In reference to salary and transit.

No. 4

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, July 24th 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

As I had the honor to inform the Department under date of the 30th of June last I have placed Mr. Vice Consul Saidmore in charge of the Consulate of Osaka and Hiogo on the 1st instant in order to be enabled to leave by the first Steamer for this port. The destination of the Steamer "Nanzing" which ought to have left from Hiogo on the 2nd being changed on her arrival at Hiogo, I was compelled to wait at Hiogo for the departure of the regular Japanese Mail Steamer which however owing to the arrival of the American

American mail at Yokohama was also postponed from the 5th to the 7th instant.

From my despatch No 1 of July 1st the Department will please observe that I arrived here on the evening of the 12th and have assumed the charge of this office on the 14th instant, and as the delay of my reaching here was due to circumstances over which I had no control I respectfully request the Department to kindly inform me to what salary and travel I am entitled to from the 1st to the 14th instant.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
J Hahn
Consul General

No. 5] August 2nd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stahl Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Vol 55 of American Decisions.

No. 5

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 2nd 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of volume 55 of the American Decisions.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hazel

Consul General

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No. 6] August 6th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In relation to the transfer of the China Merchants Steamers to Messrs Russell & Co

No. 6.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 6th 1881

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that I have the honor to report to the Department the transfer of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's fleet consisting of 26 large steamers, and all the property to Messrs William Howell Forbes, Henry de Bonneval Forbes, John Murray Forbes and Charles Peirce Smith members of the firm of Russell and Company, and citizens of the United States of America. This most important transaction was perfected on the 31st day of July last, and the American flag

is

is once more prominent on the Chinese coast and rivers.

With reference to this transaction permit me to state that after careful examination into all the circumstances connected with the transfer of these vessels and all other property I am satisfied that the sale was in every way a bona fide and legitimate one.

The copies of the bills of sale together with the Consular certificates will be forwarded by the next mail.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hague

Colonel General

Ack. Dec 16,

No. 7] Augt 19th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. J. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Consular bond.

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The Consul Genl is correct
this accounts should not
be held up on account of
the supposed informality.

SG-

No. 7

Hon.

Sir,

No. 7.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 19th 1884

Hon. John L Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 3 of date the 21st of June last, together with enclosed new form of bond, my passport and duplicate order to Mr. Vice Consul Cheshire, to deliver the archives of this Consulate General to me.

With reference to my bond which I had the honor to forward to the Department with my despatch No 1 from Hiogo Japan

Japan, I beg to state that
was under the impression
that American citizens who
temporarily reside in China, or
Japan, are for all intents and
purposes Permanent residents of
the United States, for the
reason that they continue to remain
out here under the jurisdiction
of the United States. This
my opinion was confirmed by
the fact that the bondsmen
of my predecessor, Mr. Denny,
were, at the time of the
execution of his bond, residents
of Shanghai, China.

In obedience to your
instructions to forward a new bond,

I beg to state that having myself signed a new bond, I forward the same by this mail for execution at home by sureties, who are citizens and permanent residents of the United States, and while I have every reason to believe that this new bond will be received by the Department in due time, and before my accounts for the quarter ending September 30th reach Washington, I most respectfully request that in case of some unforeseen delay in its receipt the accounts of this Consulate General be audited under my temporary

temporary bond.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Hazel
Consul General.

~~Shanghai Consular~~ Arts. — St. Clair

No. 6 August 19th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. J. Stahel Consul General. Rec'd from Oct 23/84 to the State Department.

Subject:— Consular bond.

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No. 8

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 19th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

In compliance with the instructions of your dispatch No 3 of June 21st 1884, I have the honor to enclose for your approval my new bond.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Stahel
Consul General.

Enclosure
No 1. Consular bond

Who raised this question?

No. 9] August 25th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Seabert Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Circular letter June 21st 1884.

No. 9

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 25th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular dispatch of June 21st last and in reply permit me to state that it has been a custom of this office to attach currency certificates, when required, to each copy of a triplicate or quadruplicate invoice.

I am Sir:

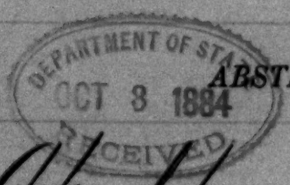
Your obedient servant

J. Hazel
Consul General

No. 10] August 25th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—



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Acknowledges receipt of dis No 203.

No. 10

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 25th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your despatch No 203, in which you inform this office that the action of the Vice Consul of the United States at Tientsin in placing the Consulate in the hands of H.B. Majesty's Consul upon his resignation, has been approved.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Hart
Consul General

No. 11] August 25th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Seabel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of Circular
June 30th 1884.

No.

Hon.

Sir,

No. 11.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 25th 1884.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive on the 23rd instant Department of State Circular despatch of June 30th last, together with a copy of an Act approved June 26th 1884. entitled, "An Act to remove certain "burdens on the American Merchant "Marine and encourage the American "foreign carrying trade and for "other purposes.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. Habel
Consul General.

No. 12] August 25 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Seward Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of despatch No. 11.

No. 12

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 25th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your despatch No 4 of July 7th last, together with a copy of House Executive Document No 171. concerning the rent of Consular premises in China.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Habel
Consul General

No. 13 | August 25th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of Circulars
July 14th 1884.

No. 13

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 25th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Consular despatch of July 14th 1884, together with a copy of "An Act making "appropriations for the Consular and "Diplomatic service of the Government "for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1885 and for other purposes."

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hake
Consul General.

Send if possible –

No. 14] August 26th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stabel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Ackd. Oct. 2 1884 Smith

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OCT 3 1884
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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Customs Reports Nos 39. 40 and 41 also one copy of "Ireland Exports" third and fourth quarters 1883.

No. 14

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 26th 1884.

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the "United States Consular Reports" Nos. 39. 40. and 41. together with a copy of the "Declared Exports" for the United States third and fourth quarters 1883.

Permit me at the same time to request that in addition to the numbers asked for in my No 3, I may be supplied with the Nos 11 and 37.

I am Sir;

Your obedient servant

Votre obéissant serviteur

J. Hahel

Conseil Général

Note for Estimates -

St Clair

No. 15] August 26th 1884 United States Consulate General at ~~Shanghai~~,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. ack'd Oct 30/84. to the State Department.

Subject:—

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges the receipt of despatch No 5.

Dept. fully concurs but is powerless in the matter -

No. 15

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 26th 1884.

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 5 of July 15th last, in which you inform me that the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1885, approved July 7th 1884, makes provision for an allowance not to exceed $1600. per annum, for clerk hire at this post.

It is much to be regretted that Congress deemed it advisable to reduce the salary of so able and

and valuable an official as Mr. Boffey; and it is especially hard upon him that this reduction should have been made at a time, when owing to the transfer of the entire fleet of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's Steamers to our flag, his duties have almost doubled.

Mr. Boffey's efficient services as Deputy Consul General, and the high and constantly increasing cost of living here entitle him in my opinion to a higher salary, and I sincerely hope that the Department will pardon me, if I venture to say that this reduction, is

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an injustice to an officer who has served the Government faithfully for over nine years.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
J. Stagg
Consul General.

No. 16. August 26th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Ack. Respectfully forwarded by the steamer Empress of China this day to be with Dispatch to file

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Enclosing copies of thirty three Bills of Sale of Steamers transferred to our flag.

No. 16

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, August 26th 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

With reference to my No 6 of the 6th instant, and in compliance with paragraph 343 United States Consular Regulations I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of the bills of sale of thirty three vessels all of which were transferred to our flag on the 31st day of July 1884.

I am Sir:
Your obedient Servant
J. Stahel
Consul General

Thirty three inclosures.

Copy.

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kiangkeen', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred & fifteen thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kiangkeen' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Shanghai and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 237 2/10 feet
Breadth 42 3/10 "
Depth 14 25/100 "

Measurement Tons 2764 77/100

Having one deck one mast round stern and iron frame.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kiangkeen', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kiangkeen' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) Ma Kie tchong L.S.

(sgd.) J. T. Pollard
Barrister, Shanghai

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, July 31st. 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the steamer 'Kiangkwan' of Shanghai, 247 2/10 feet in length, 43 3/10 feet in breadth, and 12 85/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 245 71/100 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the Chinese Merchants Steam N. Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Co. has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General
Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Str. "Kaingtien"

No. 1.

Copy.

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamer 'Tungshen', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Ninety five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamer called the 'Tungshen' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Shanghai and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 226 1/10 feet
Breadth 34 25/100 ,
Depth 20 4/10 ,

Measurement gross tons 1368.19
Deductions for propelling power & crew space 505.40
Nett 862.79

Screw steamer; having two decks and two masts
Steamer rigged and Spar built with round sterns.

To have and to hold the said s.s. 'Tungshen', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer called the 'Tungshen' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) J. T. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, July 31st. 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the Screw S.S. 'Tungshun' of Shanghai 230/100 feet in length, 32 25/100 feet in breadth, and 20 4/10 feet in depth and of the burden of 863 77/100 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Co. of New York, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General
Shanghai China
With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale of Str. Tungchow
No. 2.

Copy.

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Taitah', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty-five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Taitah' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now or her voyages to Tientsin and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Lengths 226 feet.
Breadths 32 2/10 "
Depths 20 45/100 "
Measurement tons gross 1364.02
Deductions for space for propelling power and crew's space 494.10
Net 869.92

Screw steamer, having two decks and two masts schooner-rigged and clincher built with round stern.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Taitah', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer called the 'Taitah' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

(sgd.) J. L. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the Steam Launch "Foulah" of 926 feet in length, 4 2/10 feet in breadth, and 2 4 5/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 869 93 tons having two decks and two masts schooner rigged and clinker built with round stern sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co.

members of the firm of Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16

Bill of Sale Stmr. Paulah

No. 3.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kaoan', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred & fifteen thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kaoan' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now or her ~~of registry~~ and as she is more particularly described in a certificate granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 219 feet and 2/10ths
Breadth 33 "
Depth 18 " and 2/10ths
Measurement tons 1249 and 2/100ths Gross
Registered tonnage 869 tons
Having two decks and masts, schooner-rigged and Spider-built with round sterns.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kaoan', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kaoan' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(Sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong

L.S.

(Sgd.) T. Pattard

L.S.

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Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the steamship "Kwan" of 219 2/10 feet in length, 33 feet in breadth, (having two decks and two masts schooner rigged & clinker built with sunbeams) and 18 2/10ths feet in depth and of the burden of 1249 32/100 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the Hsing Shun Chan Steam Nav. Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General
Shanghai China
With despatch No 16.
Bill of Sale Str "Kasai"
No 4.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kiangyung' of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred & thirty seven thousand & Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kiangyung' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 250 1/10 feet.
Breadth 50 2/10 "
Depth 12 75/100 "

Measurement-gross tonnage 2118.18
607.43
Net tonnage 1510.75

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kiangyung', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kiangyung' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie tchong L.S.

(sgd) T. Pathan

L.S.

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Signed J. Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the S.S. "Kiang Yung" being a paddle steamer steamer built with one deck and two awning decks two masts & schooner rigged & round abaft of 250 1/10 feet in length, 40 2/10 feet in breadth, and 13 75/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 1510 75/100 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J. Stahel.
U. S. Consul General.

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Bill of Sale Mun. Equip.
Misc.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the Steamship 'Kiuper', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said Steamer called the 'Kiulpee' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Canton and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 262 feet and 3/10ths
Breadth 38 " " 4/10ths
Depth 22 " " 5/100ths
Measurement gross tons 1224.01
Deduct allowance for
propelling power & crew space 303.80
Net 920.21

Having three decks and three masts, being a schooner rigged and Spider built with round sterns, screw steamer.

To have and to hold the said Steamer 'Kiulpee', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer called the 'Kiulpee' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31st. day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) T. Pollard

(sgd.) Ma Kie tchong L.S.

L.S.

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Signed J Stahel.
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the Screw steamship "Fuchow" built of 262 5/10 feet in length, 38 4/10 feet in breadth, and 22 55/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 920 21/94 tons having three decks & three masts, being schooner rigged & clinker built sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the Swire Merchants Steam Nav. Co.

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel.
U. S. Consul General.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the str. "Yeh Shin," formerly "Kiang Pei" of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty six thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamer called the "Yehshin" together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she was built for ~~a~~ voyage for Pootung & Foochow and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 203 feet 9/10ths.
Depth 20 " 4/10ths
Breadth 29 " 1/10th
Measurement gross tons 1015.64
Deducting for space for
propelling power 215. -
Net 800.64

Screw steamer having two decks, two masts, being brigantine rigged with round stern and clincher built

To have and to hold the said steamer "Yeh Shin", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer called the "Yeh Shin" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(sgd) T. Pattara
Barrister Shanghai.

L.S.

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Signed J. Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the steamer "Yehsien" being of 232 9/10 feet in length, 29 9/10 feet in breadth, and 20 4/10 feet in depth and of the burden of 900 6/8 tons with two masts, barquentine rigged with round sterns & clinker built, Manager of the Rising Sun Steamboat Company N.Y. sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J. Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

To Samuel Smith
Slaughter Pens
Old Capitol No 19
Bill of Sale Ohio
No 1

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the Steamship 'Kao Shin', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Sundred & five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said Steamship called the "Kao Shin" together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Shanghai and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 213 feet and 6/10ths
Breadth 33 " " 5/10ths
Depth 18 " " 7½ tenths

Measurement tons 1145.

Having three decks and two masts being schooner rigged and clinker-built with round sters.

To have and to hold the said Steamship 'Kao Shin', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said Steamship called the "Kao Shin" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 31 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

(sgd) A. C. Hunter

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

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FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J. Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the steamship "Kowshing" of 212 6/100ths feet in length, 33 5/100ths feet in breadth, and 18 7/100ths feet in depth and of the burden of 1165 tons having three masts, being a steamer rigged, & clencher built with round bows and stern sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J. Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Bill of Complaint
Stephen Ohio
Bill dismissed No 16
Bill of Sale Annexed
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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the s.s. 'Pao Chi' , of Shanghai , for and in consideration of the sum of Ninety thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said Steamship called the "Pao Chi" together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 211 feet.
Breadth 30 5/10 "
Depth 11 8/10 "
Tonnage gross 888 36/100 ths
" net 544 37/100 "
Twin screw, Horse Power 180. 2 Decks 2 masts
Schooner rigged, Clinker built, elliptic stern.

To have and to hold the said Steamship 'Pao Chi' , and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said Steamship called the "Pao Chi" of Shanghai , with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July , A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

(sgd.) D. R. Lattard

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the Steamship 'Pochi' of 211 feet in length, 35 4/10ths feet in breadth, and 14 8/10ths feet in depth and of the burden of 888 35/100ths gross } tons
} 544 37/100 net
new steamer. Horse Power 180
2 mast steam Iron Screw Schooner rigged
sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co.
members of the firm of Messrs. Russell and Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Mr. Samuel Stone

Hospital Plane

Bill of Exchange No. 16.

Bill of Sale No. 1.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship "Lee Hon", of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the "Lee Hon" together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 121 2/10th feet
Breadth 23 "
Depth 7 7/10th "
Measurement tons gross 199.28
Deduct allowance for
propelling power 64.94
Net tons 134.34

Having one deck and three masts being schooner rigged and carvel built with elliptical stern

To have and to hold the said steamship "Lee Hon", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the "Lee Hon" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(Sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(Sgd.) C. P. Latham

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CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J. Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the Steamship "Lew Hon" of 121 20/100ths feet in length, 23 9/10ths feet in breadth, and 7 7/10ths feet in depth and of the burden of 134 34/100 tons having deck & three masts schooner rigged & carvel built with clipper bows sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the Steam Merchants Steam Navy Co.
members of the firm of Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J. Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No 16.

Bill of Sale Steam "Loo Yin"

No 10.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Tao Kong', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Tao Kong' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 158 feet
Breadth 28 "
Depth 16 " and 6 tenths
Measurement-gross tonnage 733.10
Deduct spaces for propelling
power and crew 176.40
556.70

Iron wheel steamer, having two decks and no mast clinker-built with square stern

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Tao Kong', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Tao Kong' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) T. Latham

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the Steam wheel S.S. "Tai Kang" of 168 feet in length, 28 feet in breadth, and 15 6/10ths feet in depth and of the burden of 556.70 tons Iowing two decks and one mast, Clinker built with a square stern sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the Shanghai Navigation Co. members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed, J Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Steam Launch

No. 11

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamer lorcha 'Kipsow', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five thousand Taels, to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamer lorcha called the 'Kipsow' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Tientsin and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 70 feet
Breadth 12 "
Depth 5 "
Measurement 30 tons.

To have and to hold the said steamer lorcha 'Kipsow', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer lorcha called the 'Kipsow' of Tientsin, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) J. R. Pethard

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong

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FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the other half share & Rigging of 70 feet in length, 12 feet in breadth, and 5 feet in depth and of the burden of 30 gross tons Manager of the Swire Navigation Co Ltd sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs Russell & Co, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No 16.

Bill of Sale Steam tender.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship "Tung Ting", of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the "Tung Ting" together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Pootoo and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 161 feet
Breadth 24 " 9 inches
Depth 9 " 3 "
Net tonnage 315 tons
Gross " 425 "

Screw steamer.

To have and to hold the said steamer "Tung Ting", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer called the "Tung Ting" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) J. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the ~~New steamer~~ Tung Ping of 164 feet in length, 24 feet 9 ins. in breadth, and 9 feet 3 ins. in depth and of the burden of 315 net tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co.

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai Consular Court

Philadelphia No 14

Consular Seal

No 13

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kiang Kwan', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred thirty four thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kiang Kwan' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate of registry granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 250 1/10 feet
Breadth 40 1/10 "
Depth 12 65/100 "

Measurement gross tonnage 2104.47
Deductions for propelling power 605.32
Net tonnage 1499.15

Being a paddle steamer with 3 decks (two being part awning decks) two masts, being schooner rigged with round sterns, clencher built.

To have and to hold the said steamer 'Kiang Kwan', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kiang Kwan' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) T. Latham

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the ~~st.~~ "Kiang Kwan" being a wooden hulled steamer of 250 1/10 feet in length, 40 1/10 feet in breadth, and 12 6.5/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 1199 15/100 tons having deck & three being fore & aft engines & 2 masts being schooner rigged and a screw & clinker built. sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co. WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With dispatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Steam. "Tsiang Kwan"

No. 14.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kwang yue', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred thirty thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kwang yue' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and be engaged to Hankow and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 300 feet
Breadth 42 2/10 "
Depth 13 4/10 "
Tonnage gross 3097.96
" net 2269.83
Paddle wheel steamer
Horse power 400.
Decks 3, masts 2, schooner rigged.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kwang yue', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kwang yue' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) R. Lattard

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong

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FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the U.S. 'Kaingyu' paddle wheel steamer Rose Tower 420. of 300 feet in length, 43 2/10 feet in breadth, and 13 45/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 307 76/95 tons Decks 3. Masts 2. Schooner rigged. sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Co., has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shaughnessy Kane

Old Admiralty No. 16.

Bill filed &c.

No. 15

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kiangfoo', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kiangfoo' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now has and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 300 feet.
Breadth 50 "
Depth 11 " 6 inches
Measurement tons 1815 85/95

Having no mast. one deck & round stern.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kiangfoo', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kiangfoo' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) J. R. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the ve bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the s.s. 'Kiangsze' Lengthening, one deck, round stern 300 feet in length, 50 feet in breadth, and 11ft. 2 6ins. ~~feet~~ in depth and of the burden of 1815 85/95 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai Police
Bill of Costs No 16
Bill of Costs No 16

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kiangping' of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kiangping' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 178 feet
Breadth 25 35/100 "
Depth 9 33/100 "
Measurement tons 368 17/100
Paragraph iron Merchant vessel, paddle steamer of schooner rig with two masts.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kiangping', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kiangping' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) J. T. Gibbons

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

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FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the ove bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J. Stahel.
U. S. Consul-General.

JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do ereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day f July 1884 of the S.S. 'Kiangping' built American merchant wood paddle steamer schooner rig with two masts f 178 feet in length, 25 35/100 feet in breadth, nd 9 33/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 368 17/100 tons old and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE OURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved atisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I urther certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are itizens of the United States.

Manager of the Shun Sheo Merchants Steam Nav. Co.

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell and Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day f July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed, J. Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the Steamer "Lee yuen", of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty six thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said Steamer called the "Lee yuen" together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Canton and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 231 feet 8/10ths
Breadth 34 " 3/10ths
Depth 20 " 25/100ths
Measurement gross tons 1080.24
Deduct allowance for space
for propelling power 345.67
734.57

To have and to hold the said Steamer "Lee yuen", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said Steamer called the "Lee yuen" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) W. Ma Kie tchong L.S.

(sgd) F. Latham

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel,
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the steamer S.F. & Perfect being of 231 8/10ths feet in length, 29 3/10ths feet in breadth, and 20 25/100ths feet in depth and of the burden of 733 57 tons having one deck & three masts, schooner rigged, clinker built with elliptical sterns Manager of the China Navigation Steam Navy Co. sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed, J Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General

Shanghai China.

With despatch No 16.

Bill of Sale Stmr "Leeyuen"

No 18.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the s.s. 'Kaingkung', formerly 'Hoo' of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Forty-eight thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamer called the 'Kaingkung' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Hankow and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 226 feet
Breadth 32 "
Depth 10 4/10 "
Measurement Tons 566.40/95

To have and to hold the said s.s. 'Kiangkung', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kaingkung' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(sgd) J. L. Latham.

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CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

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Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the U.S. "Kaingbung" of 226 feet in length, 32 feet in breadth, and 10 4/10th feet in depth and of the burden of 566 40/95 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Samuel Miller
Daughter
Mr Stuart's Acct
Bill Sent Aug. 2
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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the st.s. 'Yeung wing', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said Steamship called the 'Yeungwing' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Shanghai and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 156 feet
Breadth 22 "
Depth 11 "
Measurement gross tons 324.60
Deduct allowance for space for propelling power 64.50
260.10

Screw steamer, having one deck & open deck two masts & being schooner rigged with a square stern, carvel built

To have and to hold the said Steamer "Yeungwing", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said Steamer called the 'Yeungwing' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

(sgd.) R. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J. Stahel,

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the ~~Steam S.S.~~ 'Yungsang' being of 156 feet in length, 22 feet in breadth, and 11½ feet in depth and of the burden of 260.10 ~~net~~ tons with one deck & poop deck, two masts, schooner rigged & square stern carvel built sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co.

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed, J. Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General

Shanghai China

With despatch № 16.

Bill of Sale Str "Tsing Lung"

№ 20.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the S.S. 'Yung Ching', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Sicky six thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Yung Ching' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 230 feet
Breadth 30 "
Depth 16 15/100 "
Measurement gross tonnage 1035.46
Deduct for propelling power 374.26
Net tonnage 661.20
Having one deck and poop and two masts being schooner rigged with an elliptical stern

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Yung Ching', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Yung Ching' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(sgd) J. P. Pattard

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the Steamship 'Yung Ching' being of 230 feet in length, 30 feet in breadth, and 16 15/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 661 20/100 tons with one K and poop, two mast. schooner rigged & elliptical stern Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co. sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U.S. Consulate General

Shanghai China.

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Stmr "Yungchuig"

No. 21

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the Steamship 'Hsin kung', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Eighty five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Hsin kung' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 216 3/10th feet
Breadth 32 2/10 " "
Depth 16 4/10 " "
Measurement tons 1520 24/100ths
Having 3 decks 2 masts & being schooner rigged with round sterns.

To have and to hold the said S. S. 'Hsin kung', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said Steamship called the 'Hsin kung' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) L. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the steamship 'Heintang' being of 216 3/10 feet in length, 39 2/10 feet in breadth, and 16 1/10 feet in depth and of the burden of 1520 24/100 tons, having 2 masts, schooner rigged with round stern, clinker built, sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co.

members of the firm of Messrs. Russell and Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale "Chiu tung"

No. 22

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kiangpeiu' of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty eight thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kiangpeiu' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Shanghai and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 253 feet
Breadth 26 do.
Depth 15 do.
Measurement gross tons 1495.30
Deduct for propelling power space 553.26
Net tonnage 942.04

Being a paddle steamer with two decks (one being a spar or poop deck) & no masts.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kiangpeiu', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kiangpeiu' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

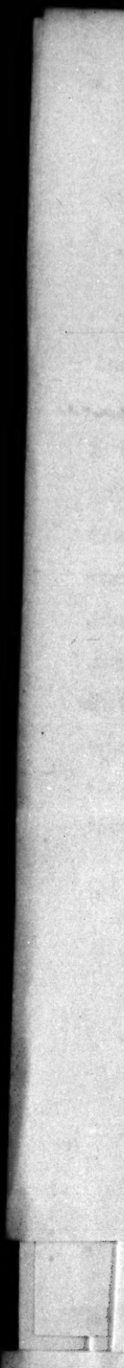
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(sgd.) J. T. Pollard

L.S.



FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the steamship 'Kiangpiao' being a paddle steamer with two decks (one being a spar or poop deck) having a length of 253 feet in length, 26 feet in breadth, and 15 feet in depth and of the burden of 942 94 net tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the China Merchants Steam Navig Co to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Steam Launch "Tsang Pi Lan"

No. 23.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamer 'Haeking', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of ~~Seven~~ Seven hundred & fifteen thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer. and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamer called the "Haeking" together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 211 feet
Breadth 33 "
Depth 33/10 "
Measurement gross tons 1061 78/100

Having three decks and two masts, being schooner-rigged with round stern.

To have and to hold the said steamer "Haeking", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamer called the 'Haeking' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 4 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

(sgd.) T. Lathard

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the steamship "Kiaoching" having one deck and two masts being schooner rigged with round stern of 211 feet in length, 33 feet in breadth, and 13 3/10ths feet in depth and of the burden of 1061.78 gross tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the Swire & Merchants Steam Navig Co
members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China.

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Str "Hanting"

No. 24.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Lie Shun', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of hundred twenty thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Lie Shun' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 280 feet
Breadth 40 "
Depth 26½ "
Tonnage gross 2300 - net 1504.
Decks 3.
Masts 2.
Horse power 250.
Screw propeller

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Lie Shun', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Lie Shun' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(sgd.) F. Talbot

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the ove bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the Iron steamship "Fushun" Tonnage 250. with 3 decks & 2 masts of 280 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth, and 25½ feet in depth and of the burden of 2300 gross / 1504 net tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the firm Shanghai Steam Navig Co. to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Russ. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai Olivia

With despatch No 16.

Bill of Sale Stw Fu olivii

No 25.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kwang lee' of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of hundred & twenty thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kwang lee' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 280 feet
Breadth 40 "
Depth 25½ "
Tonnage gross 2300.
" net 1504.
Decks 3.
Masts 2.
Horse power 250.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kwang lee', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kwang lee' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1 day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) J. T. Pethard

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel,
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st. day of July 1884 of the ~~true~~ steamer 'Kwang lee,' of Hong Kong 256, 3 decks & 2 masts of 280 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth, and 25½ feet in depth and of the burden of 2300 gross / 1504 net tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the Shun Shee Merchants Steam Navigation Co, to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st. day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel,
U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With dispatch No 16.

Bill of Sale Str "Kwanglee"

No 26.

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BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship "Taonan," formerly "Ping" of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & sixty-two thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the "Taonan" together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Shanghai and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 253 2/10 feet
Breadth 36 1/10 "
Depth from tonnage deck to ceiling at midships 20 1/10 feet
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Measurement gross tonnage 1931.35
Deduction for propelling pr Space 669.82
Net tonnage 1261.53

Being a screw steamer with 3 decks, 2 masts schooner-rigged & elliptic stern.

To have and to hold the said steamship "Taonan", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the "Taonan" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) J. T. Pattard

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong

L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the s.s. "Tenaru" being a screw steamer with 3 decks, 2 masts, schooner rigged, & elliptical stern of 253 2/10 feet in length, 36 1/10 feet in breadth, and {20 1/10 feet depth from lower deck to middle deck / 2 3/10 feet depth from upper deck to middle deck} in depth and of the burden of 1361 53/94 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, manager of the Swire Merchants Steam Nav. Co to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell and Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Stmr "Tonan"

No. 27.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 118.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Kungpai', of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of twenty thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Kungpai' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 205 9/10 feet
Breadth 30 5/10 "
Depth in Hold tonnage deck to ceiling midships 14 9/10 feet.
" " from upper " " do. 31 1/10 "
Measurement Gross Tons 939.77
Deduct for spaces &c 337.72
Net 602.05

Rigging a screw steamer with one deck, two masts, schooner rigged & elliptical stern, Chinese built.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Kungpai', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Kungpai' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie tchong L.S.

(sgd.) J. T. Latham

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the s.s. 'Kung pai' being a screw steamer with one deck, 2 masts, schooner rigged, elliptical stern, Chinese built of 205 9/10 feet in length, 30 3/10 feet in breadth, and {14 3/10 feet in depth in hold from orlop deck to ceiling midships / 31 1/10 feet in depth from upper deck to ceiling midships} and of the burden of 662 tons sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Managers of the Heris Merchants Steam Navig Co to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell and Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

U. S. Consulate General

Shanghai China

With dispatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Str "Kungkiai"

No. 28

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship 'Alee Foo'; of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred & five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the 'Alee Foo' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies on her voyage and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 266 feet
Breadth 38.40.
Depth 23.
Measurement gross tonnage 1765.30
nett " 1283.88

Three decks & two masts.

To have and to hold the said steamship 'Alee Foo', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the 'Alee Foo' of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 1st day of July, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) T. Pattard

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 31 July 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J. Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 31st day of July 1884 of the Steamship "Shui Tao" of three decks & 2 masts of 265 feet in length, 33 40 feet in breadth, and 23 feet in depth and of the burden of 1753 40/100 tons 1283 net sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

Manager of the Heirs Merchants Steam Navig Co
members of the firm of Russell & Company

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J. Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

Samuel Dunn Esqr.

Philadelphia

Mch 27th 1819

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a Bill of Exchange for Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which I have drawn on you at sight in favor of Messrs Thomas Wistar & Co. for the amount of your Subscription to the Institution for the Deaf & Dumb.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steam lighter 'Kai Tai,' of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steam lighter called the 'Kai Tai' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Tientsin ~~, and as she is more particularly described in a certificate of registry granted her at the port of ——— in the following words:~~

~~[Here insert a copy of the register.]~~

Length 94 feet.
Breadth 19 "
Depth 10 4/10 "
One Deck.
One Mast.

To have and to hold the said 'Kai Tai', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steam lighter called the 'Kai Tai' of , with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of August, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(Sgd) J. Pattison

(Sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 4th August 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 4th day of August 1884 of the Steam tug boat 'Kaiser Tak' of 96 feet in length, 19 feet in breadth, and 10 4/10 feet in depth and ~~of the burden of _____ tons~~ Lying at anchor and a warrant

Manager of the Swire Merchants Steam Nav. Coy

sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs Russell & Co. has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 4th day of August in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Steam tug

"Kai tai"

No. 30.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the cargo boat 'Yungkung.' of , for and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said cargo boat called the 'Yung kung' together with all her masts. yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Tientsin and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

No 78 in General Shanghai series
No 11 of 1881
Cargo Boat - with one deck & no masts

Gross tonnage	192.02
Deduct sevens & two	14.19
Registered tonnage	177.83

To have and to hold the said 'Yung Tsung' , and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said cargo boat called the 'Yung Tsung' of , with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of August , A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd.) T. Latham

(sgd.) Ma Kie Tchong

L.S.

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 4th August 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the ore bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J Stahel

U. S. Consul-General.

, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do ereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 4th day f August 1884 of the Cargo-boat 'Yung Tung' tsang ~~of one deck two masts feet in length, feet in breadth,~~ tonnage per 192.03 net 177.54 nd ~~feet in depth and of the burden of~~ tons old and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG, Manager of the firm of Messrs Lanbethan Nav. Co to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs Russell & Company has been proved atisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I urther certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are itizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 4th day f August in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai Consular

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Cargo boat

"Yungtung"

No. 31.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the Hulk 'Express', of Chinkiang, for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand five hundred Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said Hulk called the 'Express' together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at anchor at Chinkiang ~~and as she is more particularly described in a certificate of registry granted her at the port of _____ in the following words~~:

~~[Here insert a copy of the register.]~~

To have and to hold the said Hulk 'Express', and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said Hulk called the 'Express' of Chinkiang, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this 2 day of August, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) T. Latham.

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

..... L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 14th August 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the ove bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed J Stahel.

U. S. Consul General.

, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 14th day f August 1884 of the Steel Express or the Chinese Sinking

f _____ feet in length, _____ feet in breadth,

nd _____ feet in depth and of the burden of _____ tons

old and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE Manager of the China Merchants Steam Nav. Co

COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, has been proved member of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company

atisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed J Stahel

U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale Bulk

"Ejpueva"

No. 32.

Copy

BILL OF SALE OF A VESSEL.

FORM No. 113.

Know all men by these presents That I, MA KIE TCHONG, General-Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, owner of the steamship "Chi Yuen" of Shanghai, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred ~~and~~ sixty-five thousand Taels to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, as purchasers, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, the said steamship called the "Chi Yuen" together with all her masts, yards, sails, rigging, anchors, cables, boats, tackle, apparel, and appurtenances as she now lies at Penang and as she is more particularly described in a certificate ~~of registry~~ granted her at the port of Shanghai in the following words:

[Here insert a copy of the register.]

Length 281 2/10 ths feet.
Breadth 34 1/10 " "
Depth 21 5/100 " "
Gross tonnage 1858.35
Net Register 1193.29
Decks 2. Masts 3.
Schooner rigged. Stern round.
Screw propeller. H.P. 300.

To have and to hold the said steamship "Chi Yuen", and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof, and as the proper goods and chattels of the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from henceforth forever; and I, the said MA KIE TCHONG, for myself, my executors and administrators, and for the said Company, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said purchasers, their executors, administrators, and assigns, that, at the execution of these presents, the said Company are the true and lawful owners of the said steamship called the "Chi Yuen" of Shanghai, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and that I have full right and authority to sell and dispose of the same, and that she is freed from and cleared of all claims, encumbrances, or demands whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and the seal of the said Company this day of August, A.D. 1884.

Signed sealed, and delivered
in the presence of—

(sgd) Ma Kie Tchong L.S.

(sgd) T. Latham

L.S.

FORM No. 114.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At Shanghai, 4th August 1884.

I, the undersigned Consul-General, do hereby certify that MA KIE TCHONG signed and sealed the above bill of sale in my presence and in presence of the witnesses thereto, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Signed, J. Stahel
U. S. Consul-General.

I, JULIUS STAHEL, Consul-General of the United States for the Port of Shanghai do hereby certify that the annexed Bill of Sale bearing date the 4th day of August 1884 of the steamship "Shi Yuen" of 284 2/10 feet in length, 34 1/10 feet in breadth, and 24 25/100 feet in depth and of the burden of 1193 37/100 tons old measurement

Manager of the Shiress Steamboats Steam Navigation Co.

sold and transferred by MA KIE TCHONG to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, HENRY DE COURCY FORBES, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, members of the firm of Messrs. Russell & Company has been proved satisfactorily to me to have been duly executed by the subscribing party and I further certify that the persons therein mentioned as purchasers of said vessel are citizens of the United States.

As Witness my hand and seal of the Consulate-General this 4th day of August in the year of our Lord 1884.

Signed, J. Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

No. 1 Consulate General

Shanghai China

With despatch No. 16.

Bill of Sale "Chi yuen"

No. 33.

St Clair

No. 1 September 2nd 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Stuart. Consul General. to the State Department.

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In relation to Mr. Goldsborough's No 193.
to Legation and Minister Young's reply
thereto.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, September 2nd 1884.

Adjt. A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

In calling the attention of the Department to the postscript of Consul Goldsborough's despatch No: 193 of August 4th last, to the United States Legation at Peking, a copy of which goes forward by this mail with Mr. Goldsborough's despatch No: 184 to the Department of State I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Minister Young's reply of the 25th ultimo to Consul Goldsborough's despatch No: 193, and as the subject of these despatches has become a matter of public record

record, and further the assertions
contained in despatch 193 are of
too serious a nature to be overlooked.
I am compelled in justice to Mr.
Bingham, and myself, to request
that the Department will be
pleased to take such action in the
premises as the Honorable Secretary
of State may deem best.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Haber

Consul General.

Enclosure

No 1. Minister Young to Mr. Goldsborough.

Enclosure No. 1.

Copy

No 58 Legation of the United States

Peking August 25th 1884.

W. Elwell Goldsborough. Esquire.

United States Consul.

Amoy

Sir:

When I directed Mr Secretary Holcombe, in a letter addressed to you, dated July 26th to return an impertinent and insolent despatch, I resolved to have no further correspondence with you on the subject of the citizenship of Mr. Edwards, except to receive from you, and carefully consider any new evidence. I depart from that resolution to notice your despatch No 193, dated August 4th 1884

In that despatch you say:—

"May I be permitted here respectfully
"to enquire whether your statements to
"me, and to other gentlemen, during
"your late visit here, concerning
"Minister Bingham and General
"Stahel - that the one had appropriated
"to his own use Government funds to
"the extent of $5000. per annum, and
"the other $500. should be reported to
"the authorities at Washington?"

I must say to you in the plainest
and most unmistakable manner,
that any statement that I ever said
to you or any person, a word reflecting
upon the public or private character
of Mr. Bingham or General Stahel,
or that I ever intimated that either
of these gentlemen took a dollar
from the treasury that did not
lawfully

lawfully belong to them, or did to my knowledge any act inconsistent with the highest sense of public duty, is strictly without foundation. No such thought ever entered my mind - I certainly never expressed it. If I had suspected when I went to your house in Avon, that you had arranged a detective system to pick up the badinage, the gaieties, and the innocence of dinner-table conversation, if I had believed for a moment such a thing possible on the part of a gentleman holding a consular position, I could have found measures for my own protection. I suspected when I entered your house, that I was protected by the sacred rites of hospitality - I called upon

you

as a friend, I felt that you received me as a friend, I talked over the whole Edwards business with frankness and candor, anxious to have an arrangement that would satisfy my own sense of justice, and save you trouble. This has been my aim from the beginning. I have overlooked on your part misfortune, perturbance, insolence even, hoping that your discretion would control your temper. I have shown you the utmost patience and forbearance and I have now to realize the fact that what I assumed to be temporary annoyance or perversity on your part, which might occur to the best intentioned gentleman, especially one of high temper, has been a deliberate purpose to insult me personally, and disregard the authority

authority of the Legation.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Jno. Russell Young.

September 17th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

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Acknowledges receipt of Vol 56 of American decisions

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United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, September 17th 1884

Henry A. Arden

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of volume 56 of the American Decisions.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hahl

Consul General.

Acknowledged Dec 3 84

F. H. Clair

No. 19 September 17th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In reference to Consul Goldsborough's despatch No 191 to Legation at Peking

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United States Consulate General,

Shanghai September 17th 1884

Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

With reference to Consul Goldsborough's dispatch No 191 to the Department of State, with which he transmits a copy of his No 198 to the Legation, and wherein reference is made to the non existence of a Consular Seal at Hiogo. I have the honor most respectfully to refer you to the inventory of the Government property which was turned over by me to Mr. Geo. H. Scidmore on the 30th of June last.

Consul Patton

and Vice Consul Scidmore at Hiogo can supply the Department with such

such additional information regarding my accounts for Consular boat and boat crew as the Honorable Secretary of State may desire to obtain.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. Hahey

Consul General

September 20th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Blake Consul General to the State Department.

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Noted & published

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Informs of the death of J. V. Garrett

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, September 20th 1884

Abbey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir

It becomes my duty to inform the Department of the death of Joseph V. Garrett, a native of New Jersey, who died at Shanghai China on the 5th instant from Catarrhal Pneumonia at the age of fifty years.

The deceased left no property except a few household effects which I have turned over to his widow and child.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Stahel
Consul General

September 29th 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

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Report of the death of J. A. Thurnau.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, September 29th 1884

Albert K. Hyde
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

I have to report the accidental death of J. O. Thuesson late seaman on board the American Ship "Paul Jones", for the particulars of his death I respectfully refer you to the enclosed copy of the Inquisition by the Coroner's Jury.

For information of the Department I also enclose his account of wages with the said vessel, a copy of which together with all the letters and papers of the said deceased J. O. Thuesson I have delivered to the Norwegian Consul here

Sirs.

I am Sir:
Your obedient Servant
J. Stahl
Assist General

Enclosures
No 1. Copy of Verdict.
" 2. " " Account of Wages.

dosure No. 1
spatch No. 21.

In the Court for the United States
Consulate General
Shanghai China.

I Statel U.S. Consul General and acting Coroner
e matter of the inquisition upon the body of J. A
ew We the undersigned Jurors summoned to appear
the Consul General of the United States of America
cting Coroner at Shanghai China on the 3rd day of
ber 1884. to inquire into the cause of the death of
Thiessen found dead on board the American Ship
Jones" having been duly sworn according to law and
g made such inquisition after inspecting the body
hearing the evidence, adduced upon our oaths each
all do say that we find the deceased was named
Thiessen, and was a Native of Norway, and aged about
ten years, that he came to his death on the second
of September 1884 between the hours of three and four
ck P.M. through an accidental fall from the fore topsail
of the said Ship "Paul Jones" while lying at Anchor below
ing at the entrance of Whangpoo river China.
which we duly certify by this inquisition in writing.
s signed, this 4th day of September 1884.

fore me
J. Statel
Consul General
Acting Coroner.

U.S. Consulate
General
Shanghai China
Seal.

(Signed) Jno Pike.
" Wm H. Doyle.
" G. A. Schufeldt.

Shanghai, September 18th 1884.

In the matter of the inquisition
on the body of J.A. Thuesen (deceased).

To THE U.S. COURT FOR THE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF SHANGHAI. Dr.

		U.S. Gold.	
18th	Clerks fees		
	Docket & Case	1	
	Issuing Summons		50
	Drawing up Coroners certificate and Verdict	4	
	Filing four papers		40
	Marshalls fee		
	Serving Summons & return	1	50
	Jurors fee		
	Three Jurors @ 3m each	9	
	$16.40 U.S. Gold @ .87½ = 18.76 mexicans		
	Approved		
	Signed Stabel		
	Consul General		
		$ 16	40.

Received Payment
G Thuesen

Enclosure No 2.
Despatch 21.

Account of Wages.

Name of Ship and Official Number Paul Jones. 150121

Name of Master T. H. Winn

Voyage from New York to Shanghai

Name of Seaman T. A. Tierson

Date of Engagement April the 12th 1884

Date of Discharge Death Sept. the 2d

Rate of Wages Fourteen Dollars per Month $14.00

	Amount.		Deductions.	Amount.	
Wages.			Advance on New York	$40	00
y.....month...20...days	$65.	33	Allotment		
			Fines and Forfeitures		
			Hospital Dues		
			Shipping and Discharging		
			Articles furnished as below		
ble value of effects by me of deceased			Cash on the Voyage		
			To one pair Boots.	$4	50
ay charge.	10		" " Woolen Shirt.	2	25
				28	03
Deduction as per Contra.....	75	33	Undertakers Bill		
Balance Due.....		95.	Total Deduction.....	$74.	78

Shanghai China,

this 25th day of September 1884

T. H. Winn

Master of the Ship Paul Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correct.

Witness

[signature]

Ship "Paul Jones"

with

J A Thuesson

No. 22] October 14th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Acknowledges receipt of Department Circulars.

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United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 14th 1884

John Davis,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department Circular despatches dated July July 30th August 19th and September 3rd 1884 all of which reached this office October 13th 1884

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Habel
Consul General

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No. 23] October 23rd 1884 *United States Consulate General at Shanghai,*

From Stahel *Consul General.* *to the State Department.*

Subject:—

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Acknowledges receipt of volume No 57
of American Decisions

23.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, October 23rd 1884.

Alvey A. Adee.
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of volume 57 of the American Decisions.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

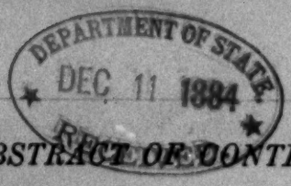
J. Hahn
Consul General.

Judge O'Connor

No. 24] Shanghai Nov 3rd 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—



ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Requests instructions in regard to collecting official fees from American vessels brought outside of the United States.

Answd Dec 24/84

Refer'd opinion of Atty Genl in relation Dec 30/84

Answd June 30/85

No. 24.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 3rd 1884

To. Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit to the consideration of the Department the question whether, under the Public Act No 67 approved June 26th 1884, Foreign built registered American vessels, are exempt from the payment of consular fees for official services.

Since the receipt of the above referred to Act, which stipulates that "on and after "July 1st 1884, no fees named in the "tariff of consular fees prescribed by "order of the President shall be "charged or collected by consular "officers

" officers for the official services to
" American vessels and seamen, I
have in the absence of specific in-
-struction collected no fees for official
services from Foreign built American
vessels, although it may be question-
-able, whether this class of vessels
which pay no tonnage or other dues
to the United States government,
should be exempt from paying a
consular fee for official services, for
while admitting that Foreign
built vessels if purchased bona
fide by American citizens become
American vessels in the sense of
American property, they are certainly
not American vessels in the sense
of the registry and enrollment acts,
as section 4131 of the Revised
Statutes

Statutes of the United States clearly
define a vessel of the United
States to be one registered pursuant
to law and no other.

I therefore respect-
fully ask for instruction.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hubbard

Consul General

No. 2

Mr. —

Subject

ac Dec 23/84

No. 25 | November | 188 2 | United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel | Consul General. | to the State Department.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Transmits Returns for the 3rd Quarter 1884.

No. 25.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 4th 1884.

Hon. Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to submit the following Returns from this Consulate General, for the quarter ending September 30th 1884, namely:

Stat 1. Digest of invoice book.
2. Arrivals and departures of American vessels.
Total 5 3. Return of deceased American citizens.
No 4. Record of notarial services.
Fees 5. Summary of Consular business.
No 6. Return of Marshal of Consular Court.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Hahn
Consul General

Six enclosures as above referred to.

[Form No. 159.]

Consulate-General of the United States a

Shanghai, September 30 1

Quarterly Transcript of the Record of Notarial Services at the Consulate at Shanghai for the Quarter ending the 30th Day of September

No.	DATE.		TO WHOM THE SERVICE WAS RENDERED.	NATURE OF THE SERVICE.	AMOUNT OF FEE OR COMPENSATION.	REMARKS.
1	July	3	Ting Fang Sung	One Seal & Certificate	2	
2		8	E J Dugan	" " " "	2	
3		10	J J Pichon	Two " " Title Deeds	4	
4		"	A Sylva	Ten Transit Passes	20	
5		14	Russell & Co	One " "	2	
6		21	A Comstock	" Seal & Household Effects	2	
7		22	W J Emmens	" " " Acknowledgment	2	
8		25	A Sylva	Two " " "	4	
9	Aug	6	E R Suttles	One " " Household Effects	2	
10		"	C Soune	" " " Certificate	2	
11		7	Wm Howie	Two " " Title Deeds	4	
12		"	F B Forbes	One " " " Endorsement	3	
13		14	R F Ray	" " " Signature	2	
14		20	Russell & Co	" " " Affidavit	2	
15		22	Mrs R Schmidt	" " " Household effect	2	
16		"	Young & Allen	" " " Mortgage	2	
17		"	O Fock	" " " Title Deed	2	
18		25	G Warburg	Two " " Complaint	4	
19	Sept	1	A N Cunningham	One " " Licence	2	
20		9	Russell & Co.	" " " Custom House Bond	2	
21		15	"	" " " Acknowledgment	2	
22		"	Commander Darby	" " " Power of Atty.	2	
23		18	American Trading Co	" " " Acknowledgment	2	
24		19	Russell & Co	" " " Custom House Bond	2	
25		23	Adamson Bell & Co	" " " Title Deed	2	
26		21	Russell & Co	Seventy two Seal & Acknowledgments	144	
					243	

A C G Shanghai September 30th 1881

I certify that the foregoing record of Notarial Services is a full and correct transcript of the Record of this Consulate, and that the same contains a true a statement of all the fees received at this Consulate for such services during the period named.

U.S. Co

Shanghai China

H. Stabel

Consul General

September quarter 1884.

Record of notarial

services Form 159.

FORM No. 103.

Summary of Business at the United States Consulate General at Shanghai during the quarter ended September 30 1884.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS.

Vessels in Port from last quarter	3
Vessels Arriving during present quarter	119
Vessels Departing	109
Vessels remaining in Port	13
Tonnage Arriving	194,634
Tonnage Departing	179144
Fees received $	301016
Expenses including Salary, $	313.71

MOVEMENT OF SEAMEN.

Seamen in Port from last quarter	None
Seamen Arriving	4
Seamen Shipped	35
Seamen Died	1
Seamen Discharged	58
Seamen Deserted	5
Seamen Departed	None
Seamen in Port	4

SYNOPSIS OF SEAMEN'S ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from Previous quarter	$	$ 92.20
Received for Extra Wages		115.
Expended for Seamen		
Balance		
		207.20

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AT SHANGHAI,
September 27, 1884

J. Stahel
U. S. Consul General.

J. Stabel
Consul General

September quarter 1884

Summary of Consular
business Form 103.

(Form No. 121.)

NAMES of all Deceased American Citizens, including Seamen or Mariners, together with the value of the personal effects belonging to them and taken possession of by or deposited with U. S. Consul at Shanghai China, from July 1st to September 30th 1884, inclusive.

DATE DECEASE.	NAMES OF PERSONS.	OF WHAT PLACE A NATIVE OR RESIDENT.	IF A SEAMAN, TO WHAT VESSEL BELONGING.	WHERE DECEASED.	VALUE OF EFFECTS.	DISPOSITION MADE THEREOF.
Aug 2nd	J. O. Thiersen	Norway	"Paul Jones"	Shanghai.	$10.00	Sold
" 5th	J. D. Garrett	New Jersey	"	"		Transfered to his widow.

J. Stahel
U. S. Consul.
General.

September quarter. 1884.

Return of deceased Aliens
Cahyuna. Form 121.

[Form No.

COURT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSUL

Return of Civil & Criminal Suits from the First day of July

OF CASE.	DATE OF FIRST PROCEEDINGS.	NAME AND NATIONALITY OF PLAINTIFF.	NAME OF DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	JU
813.	July 9th	Tung Foong	W. Blanchard	Civil	Fo
814.	Aug 12th	Chew Chiu Tu.	J. C. Fisher	"	
52	Aug 2nd	United States	C. Klumpenmeyer	Criminal.	Case
					Summary Con
1	July 31st	United States	P. Swensen		Comm
"	" "	"	B. Mayer		Jail
"	" "	"	H. Kaufmann	Desertion	depar
"	" "	"	J. Smith		vessel
"	" "	"	O. H. Silva.		
2	Aug 5th	"	H. Smith	Desertion	Thirty
3	Sept 13th	"	M. Mullaly.	Assault & Battery	To pay
4	" "	"	L. Burke	"	Disc
5	" 15th	"	H. Walsh	"	Fined $
"	" "	"			together
6	" 24th	"	J. Thetson	Desertion	Sent

[Form No. 137.]

UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AT S

s from the First day of July to the Thirtieth day of

ENDANT.	NATURE OF SUIT.	JUDGMENT.	AMOUNT OF FINE IMPOSED.	Amount of Fees and Receiv
uchard	Civil	For Plaintiff		
ister	"	"		
lummeyer	Criminal	Case withdrawn		No cost
		Summary Court.		
sseu		Committed to		
cer		Jail until		
ulquan	Desertion	departure of		
ith		vessel.		
lva.				
uith	Desertion	Thirty days Jail		
ullaly	Assault & Battery	To pay damages	$14.00	
Burke	"	Discharged		
alah	"	Fined $5.00 + damages		
		together with costs	Fine $5.00	
			Damages 3.00	
eets on	Desertion	Sent on board		

AT SHANGHAI CHINA.

y of September 1884, inclusive.

Amount of Fees Charged and Received.		Disposition of Fines and Fees.						Appeal.
		Marshal.	Clerk.	Court.	Associates & Witnesses.	Interpreter.	Total.	
$3	10	$1.50	$1.60				$3.10	
3		$1.50	$1.50				$3.00	
No costs.								
$46	00	$45.00	$1.00	Jail. 10.00			$66.00	"Gardner Colby"
$8	00	$7.00	$1.00				$8.00	
				Jail. 50¢			$4.50	"Enterprise"
				Jail 50¢			50¢	"
$4	00	$3.00	$1.00				$12.00	"Trenton"
$5	00	$5.00		Jail. $1.00			$6.00	"Nonantum"

No. 26

Mr.

Subject:

Wm H Clair

No. 36] November 4th 1884. United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Transmits Rent & Miscellaneous account also Court accounts and informs of drawing draft to balance Court account.

file

No. 26.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 4th 1884

Explanation of vouchers asked Dec. 22/84

Hon. Alvey A. Adee.
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the account for Rent and Miscellaneous expenses, and the Court and Jail account for the quarter ending September 30th 1884.

In order to balance the Court account I have this day drawn on the Honorable Secretary of State for four hundred and seventy eight 87/100 ($478.87) dollars for which I respectfully ask your protection.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

Your obedient servant

J. Stahel

Genl Genl

Enclosures

1. Rent & Miscellaneous account with vouchers.
2. Court account with vouchers

acct

Court acct referred to 5th Auditor

DEC. 20. 1884

No. 27 Nov. 5th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stabel Consul General. To the State Department.

Subject:—

D. H. Clair

4 pp.
Encl. 4 Com.
to Jerusalem Dispatch
Jan 16/85

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

With reference to Mr. Consul Stabel's
No 8.

No. 27

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 5th 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Consul Platt's despatch No. 8 of the 26th ultimo to the Department of State, I have the honor most respectfully to recommend that Chefoo be made a salaried Consulate, with a salary of one thousand ($1000.00) dollars per annum.

Permit me also to commend to the favorable notice of the Department the application of Mr Platt for an interpreter.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant

Your obedient servant

J. Hafer

Consul General

D'Wolf Clair

No. 28 | November 13th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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Nota

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

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Encloses a certificate of marriage

No. 28

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 13th 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee

Third Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certificate of marriage which took place in my presence between Alfred Darroll Hunter and Maria Louise Stahli. Mr. Hunter was born in Macao China of American parentage.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. Stahl

Consul General

Enclosure

No. 1 Marriage Certificate.

CERTIFICATE

of

MARRIAGE.

Consulate General of the United States,

Shanghai, China, November 6th, 1884.

I, J. Stahel CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES at Shanghai, do hereby certify that on this sixth day of November, A.D. 1884, at the ~~residence of~~ Masonic Hall, in the city of Shanghai Alfred Carroll Hunter aged 29 years, born in Macao China, and now residing Shanghai China and Maria Louise Stahle Widow of the late J.H. Schultz born in Hedwigue Switzerland and now residing in Shanghai China were united in matriage before me, and in my presence, by Rev. W. W. Royall, who is authorized by the laws of United States of America to perform such a ceremony.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the CONSULATE GENERAL AT SHANGHAI this sixth day of November, A.D. 1884, and of the Independence of the United States the 108th.

J. Stahel

Consul General.

No. 29 November 13th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stahel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

In the matter of the Estate of
Sing Sing (deceased)

No. 29

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 13th 1884

Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have to report the accidental death of Sing Sing late cook on board the American Bark "John D. Brewer"; for the particulars of his death I respectfully refer you to the enclosed copy of the Inquisition by the Coroners Jury.

For the information of the Department I also enclose his account of wages with the said vessel, and his final account with this Consulate General.

Learning that his family lived within the jurisdiction of

of the Canton Consulate I forwarded to the Consul Seymour a copy of the final account, an order on Messrs Russell and Companys for thirty six 28/100 ($36.28) dollars to balance same, together with a description of the whereabouts of his family also a box containing sundry articles which I thought his family would like to retain as a remembrance.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Stahel
Consul General

Enclosures
No 1. Copy of Final Account
" 2 " " Account of Wages
" 3 " " Inquisition.

In the Court for the United States
Consulate General
Shanghai China.

Before J. Stahel U.S. Consul General and acting coroner in the matter of the inquisition upon the body of Sing Sing. We the undersigned Jurors summoned to appear before the Consul General of the United States of America and acting Coroner at Shanghai China on the 15th. day of October 1884. to inquire into the cause of the death of Sing Sing, found dead floating in the Hwangpoo River, having been duly sworn & according to law, and having made such inquisition after inspecting the body and hearing the evidence adduced, upon our oaths each and all do say that we find the deceased was named Poo-ah-Sing was a native of China aged about forty six Years that he came to his death by drowning through a fall from the wharf of the Shanghai and Pootung Wharf and Storage Co's wharf on the Pootung side into the Hwangpoo river at about eight o'clock at night on Wednesday the 8th day

day of October 1884, And from the evidence adduced we are still further of opinion that the said fall was accidental and that no violence or outrage had been used.

All of which we duly certify by this inquisition in writing by us signed this 14th day of October 1884.

(Signed) A.H. Dawford.
" Wm. H. Doyle.
" G.A. Shufeldt.

Before me
(Signed) J. Stahel
Consul General (Seal)
Acting Coroner.

In the matter of the Estate of

Dr.

			Mexicans		
To Court expenses					
" Jurors Marshals and Clerks fees in holding Coroners inquest.			21	74.	
" Dau-fram & Minick-chaw @ various times.			7	60	
" Dr. Neil Macleod (post mortem examination) Fls. 10 @ 73½			13	61	
" Dau-fram hire bringing body from Wooyung.			5		
" Burial expenses			37		
" Order on Messrs Russell & Co. sent to W.S Bonsal @ Canton to balance account			36	78.	
					110 73
					110 73

the Estate of Sing Sing (deceased)

Dr					Cr		
	Mexicans		1884		Mexicans		
			Oct 14th	By Cash found about person	7	67	
			"	" Amount of wages due	101	06	
	21	74.	Nov 12th	" Sale of Effects Pcs 5.rs @ 75.	7		110 73.
	7	60					
	13	61					
		5					
		37					
	36	78.					
	73	110					
	73	110			73.	110	

E & O. E.

Shanghai November 12th 1884

Sigmd J. Stahel

Consul General

Seal.

In the U.S. Court for the Consular District of Shanghai China

In the matter of the Estate of Sing Sing (deceased)

Final Account

Despatch n° 29
Enclosure n° 1.

Account of Wages.

ne of Ship and Official Number John D. Brewer 16.298

ne of Master W. L. Jocelyn

age from New York to Shanghai

ne of Seaman Sing Lung

e of Engagement May 19th 1884

e of Discharge Oct 6th 1884

e of Wages Thirty four dollars

	Amount.		DEDUCTIONS.	Amount.	
WAGES.	4	ch-	Advance	10	00
....month....17.....days	135	84	Allotment		0
			Fines and Forfeitures		0
			Hospital Dues		0
			Shipping and Discharging		50
			Articles furnished		0
			Cash on the Voyage Paid Wackenai Shanghai	1	00
duction as per Contra.....	71	50			
Balance Due.....	88	34	Total Deduction.....	71	50

(Mexican $ 101.06)

SHANGHAI, CHINA,

13 day of October 1884

W. L. Jocelyn Master of the John D. Brewer

reby certify that the foregoing account is correct. E & E

Witness

H. H. Fogg

Ship "John D. Brewer"

with

Sing Sing

Despatch N° 29

Enclosure " 2

No. 30] Shanghai November 18th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Seward Consul General. to the State Department.

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Acknowledges receipt of despatch No 6.

No. 30.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 18th 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Consular Reports advised in Department despatch No 6 of the 2nd ultimo.

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Stahel
Consul General.

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No. 31 Shanghai November 18th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Seward Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

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In reference to the Garrett Estate.

No. 31

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 18th 1884

Hon. Alvey A. Adee
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Estate of J. W. Gamwell deceased has been finally settled by me.

I enclose herewith my final account

I am Sir:
Your obedient servant
J. Stahel
Consul General

Enclosure
No. 1. Final account

In the matter of the Estate of

Dr.

Mexicans

To Court expenses
" Appraisers Unofficial Clerk & Marshals fees 22 31.
" N.C. Herald Advertising 4 45
" Washman 14.75 @ 60 1/9% 2 86
" Coglin 2.80 " 1 69
" Government Aug & Sept 84. 24. " 14 45
" S. Veltin 15.50 " 9 33
" A.S. Watson & Co 2.75 " 1 66
" Yuen Chong & Co 17.55 " 10 56
" T. Wah & Co 33.35 " 20 07
" Ching Chong 22.07 " 13 28
" Tuck Chong 14.40 " 8 67
" Hall & Holtz 19.33 " 11 63
" Schmultz & Co 1.50 " 90
" Tuck Sing 11.25 " 6 77
" Took Chong 41.10 " 24 74
" Yik Dak 3.00 " 1 80 155 17

155 17

Estate of J. V. Garrett deceased

Dr. | **Cr.**

Mexicans					
		1884. Sept 9	By Cash found in safe	147	40
		Oct 7	" Sale of Iron safe Lbs 5 75 @ 74.	7	77
				155	17
22	31				
4	45				
2	86				
1	69				
14	45				
9	33				
1	66				
10	56				
20	07				
13	28				
8	67				
11	63				
	90				
6	77				
24	74				
1	80				
		155	17		
		155	17	155	17

E & O E

Shanghai November 15th 1884

J. Hoskyn

Assistant Consul

Fifteen vouchers attached

In the U.S. Court
for the Consular District
of Shanghai China.

In the matter of the
Estate of J. V.
Gaisell deceased

Final Account

Shanghai, Sept 1th 1884

J. V. Gevnelt Esqr

福昌號 Bought of FOCK-CHONG

NAVAL TAILOR CLOTHIER AND GENERAL OUTFITTER, NEAR THE AMERICAN CHURCH, HONGKEW.

June	27	1	Suit Tweed Clothes	15	00
~	~	1	Black merino Coat	4	50
~	~	1	Pair Tweed Pant	5	00
~	~	1	Dozn Copper Button	1	25
~	~	1	Silk Ribban		35
July	5	6	Pair Cape Flanen Drawers	10	50
~	~	1	Suit Small Boy Clothes White Flanen	2	00
~	~	1	Suit Small Boy Clothes Gacy Flanen	2	50
				$ 41	10

Received payment

$41.10 @ .6097 = $24.74

Cooks wages for 14 days -
at $6.00 a month —
$2.80

15th Sept 1884
A. Garrett
$12.80 @ .6019% = $1.69
Received payment

Washerwoman's Account
for August till Sept 2d 15th
$4.75 cts

A. Garrett
$4.75 @ .6019%
17th Sept 84
Received pay't $2.86

紙本墨書

Shanghai, 11 September 1884.

M. Gasnier

PRESCRIPTIONS IN ENGLISH, GERMAN AND FRENCH PREPARED.

Dr. to Pharmacie de l'Union,
S. VOELKEL,
Corner of Nanking & Kiangse Roads.

科發藥房

30	Cough syrup	do Mixture	1	
4	Pills $1.00	Mixture 50¢	1	50
	Tea 25¢	9 Malva flowers 50¢	.	75
9	Cough mixture		.	50
	1 bottle Cornelli's pills		2	.
	1 b. do.		1	
1	Kermes mixture 50¢	Brown's troches 50¢	1	.
9	Dover's powder 25¢	do. 50¢	.	75
13	do 25¢	14 Mixture 50¢	.	75
14	Linseed 25¢	16 Dover's powder 25¢	.	50
19	Malaga $1.00	Kermes mixture 50¢	1	50
	Dover's powder 25¢	21 do. 50¢	.	75
23	Dover's powder 25¢	24. do 50¢	.	75
25	Dover's powder 25¢	Kermes mixture 50¢	.	75
31	Powders double		.	50
1	Kermes mixture 50¢	3. do 50¢	1	
4.	Dover's powder (double)		.	50
			15	50

Received Payment,
pro S. VOELKEL. Schroeder.

$15.50 @ .6119% = $9.33

Rec. 11/III 84.
Voelkel

Shanghai, September 9th 1884.

J. V. Garrett Esq

Dr. to YIH-DAH.

益大馬車

LIVERY STABLE KEEPER.

Sept 1	2	To Hire of Pony & Trap	$	1.50
"	3	" " " " " "		1.20
			$	3.00

$ 3.00 @ .60 19% = $ 1.80

Rec'd Payment

Yih Dah

口南潯路二百六十三號

德盛外國靴鞋店開在虹

Shanghai, 1st June 1884.

J. C. Garrett Esq.

Dr. to TUCK-SING.

BOOT & SHOE MAKER.

Nos. 263, NANZING ROAD. Hongkew,

To	one pair of Ladies Shoes	$	2	00
"	1 " " Small Boot	"	1	50
"	1 " " Ladies Shoe ½ Sole			50
"	1 " " Elastic Boot	"	4	00
"	1 " " Small Boot	"	1	50
"	1 " " Slippers	"	1	00
"	1 " " Small Shoes	"	1	25
	Total	$	11	25

$11.25 @ .6019% = $6.77

Recd Payment

Tuck Sing

The Estate of the late
J. D. Garrett

DUPLICATE

Shanghae

The Hall & Holtz Co-operative

Bought of Hall &

SHIP CHANDLERS. GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

BISCUITS REFIRED.

Corner of Foochow & Szechuen Road

July 4

11	2 doz	Lng cloths	175	
	1 pr.	Lawn		
	1 doz	Embroidery		
	2 yds	Dress Stuff		
	1	Table cloth	(nil) returned	5 for
12	1 pr	Sheets		
15	1 pr	Lace		
	1 doz	Embroidery		
16	1 pr	Corset		
31	18 ½	Loaves		
Aug 3	21 ½	Loaves		
Sept 5	4 ½	—"—		

£19 33/- @ .6019 % = £11. 6

RECEIVED PAY
11 .84
The Hall & Holtz Co-op

DUPLICATE

SHIP CHANDLERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS &

BISCUITS REFINED

Estate of the late THORNE'S BUILDINGS, 30, 31, 32, KIANGSE ROAD, & NINGPO ROAD,

Shanghai, Aug 1 1884

J. Jarrett Esq

Bought of

T. WEEKS & CO.,

江西路三十一號

IMPORTERS OF DRY GOODS, OUTFITTERS & GENERAL DRAPERS.

Terms Cash.

Duplicate.

May 12	½ doz Dasses 50. 1 doz Seams 25. ½ doz 30		80
	¼ Inner bests 20cts 1 Elastic	15	35
	10 Yds Satteen 35. 2 Check Zephyr	35	1 20
	3 BLK Ties	25	75
14	1 Bluedo Collard 1.25 1.50. 1 Shoes 2.00		4 75
	1 Ribbons 30. 1 Umbrella	3.50	3 80
19	½ Shpo Socks 4.50 ½ Ribbon	30	2 40
	1 Elastic 05. 1 Corset	2.00	2 05
July 11	8.8.=16 Prent for 2.00 3 Socks for	1.00	3 00
	1 Blk Elastic 15. 1 Ribbon	15	30
	Rl Ribbon 40. 1 pr for Lace	1.00	1 40
	2 Hose for 75. 3 Hose	50	2 25
	2 Ingrd Jackets 17.5 1 Improver	1.00	4 50
	10 Check Zephyr 30. 10 Plain Zephyr 30		6 00
15	1 Safety Pins		25
19	1 Sun hat		1 75
		$43.35	
July Cr	By Cash	10.00	
		$33.35	

$33.35 @ .6019 ½ = $20.07

WEEKS & CO
PAID
10 NOV 1884
SHANGHAI

Received Payment T Weeks & Co

BROADWAY, HONGKEW.

Shanghai, 14th September 1884

J. V. Garritt Esq

Bought of YUEN CHEONG & CO.

SHIP CHANDLERS, GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS. & SHIP'S COMPRADORE & BAKERS

84	To		$	Cts.
Aug	1st	1 tin milk		25
	4	12 Dzn Old Highland Whisky	3	50
	"	2 Bottle 3 Star Brandy	2	20
	"	2 Dzn Soda water	1	00
	9	2 " " "	1	00
	17	1 Bottle Carraway Seeds		35
	18	1 " 3 Star Brandy	1	10
	"	1 bot Glycerine Soap		50
	20	1 Dzn Soda water		50
	"	1 Tin Figs		65
	21	1 Dzn Soda water		50
	25	1 " " "		50
	"	1 Bottle Old Highland Whisky		70
	"	1 " 3 Star Brandy	1	10
	28	1 " Old Highland Whisky		70
	"	1 " Plum		75
	"	1 Packet Violet Powder		15
	29	1 Dzn Soda water		50
	30	1 Bottle Carbolic acid		50
Sept	4th	1 Dzn Soda water		50
	"	1 Bottle Old Highland Whisky		70
		Total	$17.	55

$17.55 @ .6019% = $10.56

Received Payment

Yuen Cheong & Co

Shanghai Medical Hall.

Sept^r 10^th 1884

The Estate of the late Joseph B. Garrett

To J. Llewellyn & Co.,

DISPENSING CHEMISTS

AND

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

370

y 16	Ammrodo Cure	$	1 30
	#1.5^o @ .60 19 % = .90^d		
	J. Llewellyn & Co		

Shanghai, 1st August 1884

Received from Mr. J. W. Garrett the sum

Dollars Twelve being rent of

House No. 3 Nanzing Road from 1st August 84

to 31st August 1884

$ 12.00

£ 12 @ 6019% = £7.225

PO YUEN CHEONG COMPANY 海上源祥公司 SHANGHAI

Shanghai, 1st September 1884

Received from Mr. J. W. Garrett the sum

of Dollars Twelve being rent of

House No. 3 Nanzing Road from 1st September 84

to 30th September 1884

$ 12.00

£ 12 @ 6019% = £7.225

PO YUEN CHEONG COMPANY 海上源祥公司 SHANGHAI

今收到 南潯路 街第 三 號由
姜九月 初三 日起至 姜九月 廿一 日止
房租洋 拾元 此據
光緒 十 年七月十九日 寶源祥公司收條

今收到 南潯路 街第 三 號由
姜八月 初三 日起至 姜八月 廿一 日止
房租洋 拾元 此據
光緒 十 年七月十九日 寶源祥公司收條

Broadway Hongkew.

Shanghai 9th September 1884

Estate of the late
J. V. Garrett Esqr

Bought of Ching Chong.

記順口五 Ship Chandler. General Storekeeper & Iron Merchant.

Triplicate

1st Mo	Amount of a/c rendered		16 45
10th	5 lb No1 Manila sugar	40	
	1 Tin Small Sardines	15	
13th	1 - 2lb Butter	1 00	
14	1 Bot Salt	12	
	1 Bar English Soap	25	
18th	1 Tin Essence of Cocoa	45	
20th	5 lb No1 Manila sugar	40	
28	5 - do	40	
29th	1 Tin Kerosine oil	1 00	
	1 - 1lb Butter	55	
30th	5 lb No1 Manila sugar	40	
	10 - American Flour	50	5 62
			$22 07

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$22.07 @ .6019 % = 1 13 28

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Shanghai. Sept. 18 94

Mr. Sumett,

To A. S. Watson & Company.

BY APPOINTMENT

Established A.D. 1841.

TRADE MARK

The Shanghai Pharmacy.

		Dollars	Cents
May 14.	Invoice 75, 2nd Invoice 1	1.	75
Sept 1.	Invoice.	1.	00
		2.	75

#2.75 @ .6019% = #1.66

Rec'd Payment
A. S. Watson & Co
Ltd

Shanghai, September 1st 1884

J. V. Garrett Esqr

Bought of TUCK CHONG.

德昌牛羊肉庄

COMPRADORE & BUTCHER.
Hongkew, Tiendong Road. No. 934.

											$		
by	the	Bill	of	Ballance	due							2.	31½
August	1st	1 lb	Soup Meat	5	cts	1 Chicken	25	Fish	10				40
	1st	2 lb	Potatoes	4	2d	1 lb Soup Meat	5	1 lb B. steak	10½				19½
	2d	1 Chicken	25	Vegetable	5	3d	1 Chicken	25					55
	3d	1 lb	Soup Meat	5	3½	Shoulder Mutton	32½						37½
	"	Mutton fat	6	4th	1 lb Soup Meat	5	Chicken	25					36
	4th	1 Coconets	7	5th	1 lb Do	5	1 lb steak	7					19
	6th	1 lb Soup Meat	5	Beefsteak	3½	1 Chicken	25						33½
	"	Do	5	10th	Soup Meat	5	1 Chicken	25					35
10	lb	Mr. Chops	12	1 Coconets	7	11th	Soup Meat	5					24
11	1.	B. steak	7	1 Chicken	25	1 lb	pork fat	5					37
12	½	Soup Meat	2½	1	Do	25	Mutton	6					33½
13	½ lb	Do	2½	1 Chicken	25	1 lb	steak	7					34½
"	1 Chicken	25	14th	1 lb Soup Meat	5	1	B	7					37
14	Potatoes	4	Mutton	6	pork	5	15th	Soup	5				20
15	1 Chicken	25	fish	14			16	"	Do	5			44
16	1	Do	25	1 doz Eggs	7	2 Qui	Beans	18					50
17	½ lb	Soup Meat	5	1½ lb	Beefsteak	10½	1 Chicken	25					36
"	1 Coconets	7	18th	1 Chicken	25	Soup Meat	5						37
19	lb	Soup Meat	5	1 Chicken	25	fat	5						35
20	1	Do	5	1	Do	25							30
21	lb	B. steak	7	Soup Meat	2½	1 Chicken	25						34½
22	½	Soup Meat	2½	fish	16	Potatoes	4						22½
23	1½	Do	7½	lb B. steak	7	1 Chicken	25						39½
"	Sole	fish	12	1 Coconets	7								19
24	lb	Soup Meat	5	1 Chicken	25								30
25	1	Do	5	lb pork fat	10	1 Coft	fat	5					20
											$	10	92½

Shanghai, September 1st 1884

J. V. Garrett Esq

Bought of TUCK CHONG.

德昌牛羊肉庄

COMPRADORE & BUTCHER.
Hongkew, Tiendong Road. No. 934.

	Forward	10. 92½
uly	the Bill & Balance due	$ 2. 34½
ugust 26th	1½ Soup meat 7¢ 1 Calf foot 5	12½
" 27	1½ " 7½ 28th 1 lb steak 7 1 doz Eggs 7	21¢
" 28	1 Duck 30 pork fat 5	35
"	Soup meat 2½ 29th Soup meat 7¢ 1 Chicken 25	35
" 29	1 Cod fish 6 30 1 Chicken 25 1 doz Eggs 7	88
" 31st	1½ lb Soup meat 7¢ 3½ Roast beef 24½	32
" "	1 Chicken 25 14th 1 Chicken 27	52
tember 1st	Soup meat 9¢ 1 Pigeons 10	17½
" 2d	1 lb Mutton Chops 12 steak 7 1 doz Eggs 7	26
"	" potatoes 4 1 lb pork fat 10	14
" 3	1 chicken 25 1 lb B steak 7	32
" 4	1 lb B steak 7 5th 1 Chicken 25	32
	Total	$ 14.40

$14.40 @ .6019 % = $8.67

Respectfully Payment
Tuck Chong

No. 32 November 20th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stabel Consul General. to the State Department.

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Subject:— Report, in compliance with Circular, dated August 21st 1884

ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Relative to Consular duties.

Consular Business.

Imports from United States. } Commercial

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United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 20th 1884

Hon. John Davis

Assistant, Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Your circular despatch of the 21st of August did not reach me until the 20th of October last, and in compliance with instructions contained therein I now have the honor to submit the following report.

The important and responsible work connected with this Consulate General, a post where American commercial and shipping interests are very large and where besides the duties flowing from these sources, the Consul General has much to do peculiar to the service of our Government and which I cannot better illustrate than by quoting from

from the report of the Honorable Secretary of State dated May 29th 1884 to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on appropriations in which Mr. Frelinghuysen says: "For example, "at Shanghai the Consul-general has the "following duties: 1st. He has supervisory "control over all consulates in China. "2nd. Because of the distance from "the legation at Peking, the insufficient "means of communication especially "in winter, and the peculiar powers "of the local government, he has often "important semi-diplomatic duties to "perform, requiring delicacy and tact. "3d. With the other consular representatives "he participates in the Municipal government "of the foreign settlement with a very "considerable population and containing

" containing much valuable property,
" both real and personal. 4th He is
" a judge trying civil causes in which
" Americans are defendants, and trying
" them for crimes sometimes carrying
" the extreme penalty of the law. He also
" has charge of the jail in which Americans
" are confined. In his judicial capacity
" he is a judge of a criminal court of
" probate and divorce of an equity, and
" of a nisi-prius court. 5th He is United
" States post master, handling all the
" mails arriving at Shanghai for citizens
" of this country, either officials or private
" individuals. 6th He performs the duties
" of a sea port consulate, namely has
" care of American shipping, guarding
" the interests of master, crew, and owners;
" he protects the revenue of his Government
and

"and watches and strives to increase
"the export trade."

Consular Business

To exemplify the very large increase in the general routine business of this Consulate General, since my arrival here, I have prepared a statement of the work (exclusive of my judicial semi-diplomatic, municipal and other duties) for the quarter ending September 30th 1884 as compared with the corresponding period of 1883.

Despatches received 3d quarter	1884	451
" " "	1883	215
	increase	236
Despatches sent 3d quarter	1884	520
. . .	1883	237
	increase	283

Vessels entered 3d quarter 1884		119
" " " " 1883		13
	increase	106
Vessels departed 3d quarter 1884		109
" " " " 1883		17
	increase	92
Tonnage arriving 3d quarter 1884		194,634 tons
" " " " 1883		7228 "
	increase	187,406 "
Tonnage departing 3d quarter 1884		179,1444 "
" " " " 1883		8,715 "
	increase	170429 "
Seamen discharged 3d quarter 1884		58
" " " 1883		7
	increase	51
Seamen shipped 3d quarter 1884		35
" " " " 1883		25
	increase	10

Invoices certified 3d quarter 1884 895

" " " " 1883 508

increase 387

Official fees received 3d quarter 1884 $3010.16

" " " " 1883 1508.26

increase 1501.90

From this showing of the greatly increased duties of this office it will be seen that we have need of increased clerical assistance. The present staff is inadequate for the regular and methodical execution of detail consular work. There are in Shanghai many vested interests, considerable real estate being owned by Americans resident and non-resident, and no small amount of time has to be given to recording various transactions in connection therewith and settling

differences

differences which are frequent, from the nature of the Native customs.

On the 31st of July last the entire fleet of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, consisting of 26 large steamers was transferred to our flag. These steamers all sail out of Shanghai, and since the Department has given its decision that the seamen who compose the crew of Foreign built, American owned vessels have to be shipped before the Consuls our duties have increased to an extent that makes additional clerical help imperative. The extent of the work in this department may be illustrated by enumerating the business of the past ten days, from the 11th to the 20th of November inclusive.

Number

Number of seamen shipped	344
" " " discharged	45
Total	389

I may add for your information that since the said transfer of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's steamers to our flag the arrivals and departures of American vessels during the months of August and September 1884 were 217 the total tonnage being 355,657 tons. This is evidence of the great interest American shipping has reached at this port, and the consequent addition to our Consular work.

Commercial.

There was a general falling off of trade in Shanghai during the year 1883, caused by financial depression among

among the commercial classes, =
apprehension of war between France
and China and floods which devastated
extensive sections, driving the farmers
from their lands and interrupting =
communications. —

The total value of imports from the
United States, received at this port amounted
for 1883 to $2,700,000; while the
exports from Shanghai to the
United States for the same year =
aggregated $7,780,000 showing a
balance in favor of Exports of
$5,800,000;

Exports to the United States, for
the year 1883 show a decrease, partly
due to the Act of Congress against
the importation of Tea unfit for
human food. The total amount of

tea

tea sent from China to the United States during 1883 was 11.500.000 lbs against 18000000 lbs for the year previous, and this decrease of 6500000 lbs is proportionately borne by Shanghai. Other than this there are no new features to report under this head. The exports consisted of Tea, Silk, Straw Braid, Goat Skins Musk, Straw Hats, Rhubarb, Sleigh Robes, Matting and Sundries.

Imports from United States to Shanghai are chiefly Cotton Goods and Kerosene Oil. Your circular does not specially refer to the above heading yet I think there are features in this import trade - that is - the introduction of American goods to the

the Chinese, that are of particular interest. The value of imports from the United States for 1883 was nearly four times what it was during 1876, and this increase is not so much to be credited to the enterprise of American traders as to the actual demand for the goods that were imported. The trade in American cotton goods is likely to increase, as the quality is preferred to any other similar goods brought to this market. English manufacturers are succeeding in supplying a close imitation - in quality, mode of packing, and general appearance - of the American article.

Kerosene Oil, owing to its cheapness and excellence has established itself

itself as a valuable household
Commodity among the Chinese and will
continue in demand. There is hardly
a village within a radius of 100 miles
of any treaty port where it cannot be
readily bought in the original package.
It is most important, that the quality of
the oil be kept up to a fair standard,
otherwise the officials will place
difficulties in the way of its sale.
Already in some sections restrictions
have been put on its sale, on account
of alleged fires due to its agency.
During 1883 Shanghai, imported over 6,000,000
gallons, and the quantity sent into the
interior for the same year was double
the amount sent during 1882.
Throughout the past year commercial
travellers from the United States have
visited

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visited Shanghai and succeeded in doing a good business; while the found strong competition in European goods as regards "laid down" prices, they found much Encouragement in the appreciation shown by the Chinese merchants for the superiority of their Samples which were of a general nature. American goods have an excellent reputation on this market, and our merchants are looking forward to the day when there will be a line of steamships running direct between New York and Shanghai.

In closing I must express my regret at not having more time to devote to this report which has been somewhat hastily prepared in order to send it by the Mail leaving to day. —

I have the honor to be Your obdt servant

J. Hahel
Consul General

No. 33 — November 28th 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr. Stakel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:—

Reply to Circular Despatch dated August 6th 1884

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Relative to World's Industrial Centennial Exposition, New Orleans—

China's Contribution.

Names of members of Commission.

No. 33

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 28th 1884

Charles S. Hill Esq.

Representative Department ~~Secretary~~ of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Your circular despatch dated Washington, August 6th 1884 was received at this office the 17th inst.

While it would have afforded me much pleasure in carrying out the suggestions therein contained, you will see by referring to the above date, that with all speed, it would be impossible to collect and send a contribution to the New Orleans Exposition, and have it reach there much before its close.

However the Chinese Government have sent an extensive collection, and any effort on my part would probably, only result in sending duplicates of what has

has already gone forward. The
following are the members of the
Chinese Commission

President: Sir Robert Hart, K.C.M.G. - Peking.

Commissioners for preparing Collection in China: E.B. Drew Esq Shanghai; F.E. Woodruff Esq Canton

Commissioners at New Orleans: W.F. Spinney Esq.; I Neumann Esq.

Attendants: J.L. Knoepfler, Teh Ah-kew and Wang Ch'un-li.

Sir Robert Hart, Inspector General of Customs, as president of the Commission commenced to prepare for the exhibition in June, but the "impending international difficulties" which at that time were causing great apprehension, necessitated a stoppage of preparations which happily was only temporary. It has however caused a delay, and the

Chinese

Chinese Collection of Exhibits will not reach New Orleans but little before the New Year. The Catalogue prepared by order of the Inspector General of Customs has an instructive and interesting review of the cotton industry in China, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. Hahn

Consul General.

P. S. The first edition of the Catalogue above referred to was sent to New Orleans with the Exhibit, and I am unable to procure a copy for enclosure but will send one as soon as the second edition is ready.

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Just previous to the closing of the mail I have received a copy of the Catalogue of Chinese Exhibits which is inclosed.

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

J. Stahel

Enclosure, Catalogue of the Chinese Collection of Exhibits for the New Orleans Exposition 1884-5.

Thanks - Seal Mar 21/85 Mr Brandon & Mr Clark

No. 314 November 28 1884 United States Consulate General at Shanghai,

Mr Stabel Consul General. to the State Department.

Subject:— Shanghai Trade.

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ABSTRACT OF CONTENTS.

Imports from the United States during July, August and September as compared with the imports during the corresponding period of the previous year, (1883).

Remarks in reference to present stocks.

No. 34.

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, November 28th 1884

Hon. John Davis
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

The Shanghai Trade Returns for the quarter comprizing July, August and September 1884 have just been issued by the Imperial Maritime Customs. The following figures show the amount of imports most affecting American interests, as compared with the same period of 1883.

(July August & September)	1883	1884
American Sheetings pieces	151,120	223,285
" Drills	108,160	131,655
Kerosene Oil gallons	1,923,410	2,017,550

The United States shared in an increased trade in Cotton goods generally, but the above are the only articles classified as

as American Goods in the Returns.

At the present time stocks in American imports are in a much better position than they were at the same period last year. There appears to be only 7500 pieces of American Drill in stock now, whereas last years holders had 130 000 pieces. American Sheetings now here are 75 900 pieces against 180 000 last year. The shipments on the way are said to be small, but if the present unsettled state of political affairs continues, or if actual Warfare begins, they will no doubt be sufficient for the demand.

I am Sir:

Your obedient servant

J. Stahel

Consul General